

NMI law offers no protection for tenants

By DAISY DEMAPAN

earing witness to numerous cases of homelessness brought about by the onslaught of Typhoon Soudelor, Commonwealth Outreach Recovery Efforts leader Mami Ikeda has expressed concern for the housing shortage and rising rental prices on Saipan. See NMI on Page 4

Cell 1 of Marpi landfill almost full

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cell two

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The enormous amount of trash and debris that was collected and is still being collected in the aftermath

of Typhoon Soudelor is rapidly filling up Saipan's landfill in Marpi.

"Right now, Cell 1 is almost at ca-

pacity," Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality administrator Frank Rabauliman told Saipan >> DPW look-

Tribune. The Department of Public Works, which manages

the landfill, noted that the storm shortened the capacity of the cell, said Rabauliman.

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Controversial casino bill heads to Torres

By DENNIS B. CHAN

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A bill to amend the Saipan casino law now heads to acting governor Ralph DLG Torres for his review and approval. The House minority bloc attempted yesterday to stall some amendments that they said needed to be clarified, but lawmakers across

the aisle argued for the pressing need to grant casino regulators the proper funding and authority to regulate a growing casino industry in the Commonwealth.

Among other things, the bill allocates 35 full-time employees to the Commonwealth Casino Commission and, perhaps for the first time in local statutory history, defines and declares

these employees as essential in case of government shutdown, Saipan Tribune learned.

The bill—technically called House Bill 19-95, HD1, HIS, SSI—has been reworked substantially since it was first prefiled in August. The House had passed a substitute bill on the floor in previous sessions that the

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\$1.5M for Soudelor victims 'possible' from MPLT interest

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The Marianas Public Lands Trust is moving closer toward helping Typhoon Soudelor victims reconstruct their homes, as an amount of \$1.5 million from corpus fund interest is possible.

Last night, the MPLT board discussed ways to meet a request from acting governor Ralph DLG Torres for funds generated from the rental and lease of Northern Marianas public lands to help with rebuilding efforts after Soudelor.

Acting MPLT chair Pedro Deleon

Guerrero said they are in process of discussing details with Torres and are "looking at it very seriously."

The NMI Constitution prevents MPLT from withdrawing any money from the corpus. They can only remit to the government interest from the

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Cha Café, Nami Restaurant burglarized in 3-day period

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

An unidentified masked man burglarized Cha Café and Bakery in Garapan and stole \$500 in change funds early yesterday

Saipan Tribune learned that Nami Restaurant, which is located in the same building as Cha Café, was also burglarized and about \$200 and an iPhone were stolen either late Saturday night or early Sunday morning.

footage from the surveillance camera showed that the burglary lasted less than five minutes. It showed the suspect wearing a bonnet that covered his face, blue pants, black

T-shirt, and run->>> Surveillance ning shoes. He has a "sleeve tattoo" on the right arm.

suspect The burglar taking managed to enter the restaurant by removing the in a plastic bag. glass window in the restroom. The lavatory in the restroom collapsed, indicating that the

The burglar checked the first cash register but did not find any money. He then moved to the other cash register, which contained the change funds. After

putting the bills in his pant's side pocket, the suspect put on eyeglasses then scooped coins and placed them

camera footage

catches masked

After taking the money, the suspect left using the same exit point.

It was the establishment's

owner who discovered the burglary when he opened the restaurant yesterday at 6am.

According to Leah Alfred, accountant of Cha Café, the establishment closed on Monday at about 10:15pm and that there was light inside when the burglary happened.

On Sunday morning, an employee of Nami Restaurant discovered that the establishment had also been burglarized and about \$200 in customers' tips placed in a drawer and an iPhone were stolen. The iPhone belongs to the part-owner of the restaurant.

The suspect managed to enter the establishment through the back door. The burglar broke a small window on the door and reached inside for the lock.

An employee of Nami Restaurant said a burglar tried to break into the restaurant again either Monday night or early yesterday morning, but failed to open the backdoor's second lock that they installed because of the first incident.



This frame grab from the video surveillance shows the burglar going through the cash registers of Cha Café and Bakery in Garapan.

Overhaul of Education Act includes provision to license private schools

By DENNIS B. CHAN

A bill to overhaul the Education Act of 1988 was tabled yesterday after House lawmakers heard concerns from private school officials over provisions that essentially vest the CNMI State Board of Education with oversight and licensing powers over private schools.

During a public comment period yesterday morning, Mount Carmel School president and Coalition of Private Schools' Galvin Deleon Guerrero asked for time to review and comment on these provisions in House Bill 19-10.

According to Deleon Guerrero, the coalition scheduled a 3:30pm emergency meeting yesterday to discuss the bill.

Not one private school was consulted on the proposed mandate before it was adopted and set for action on yesterday's calendar, Saipan Tribune learned. The coalition is not necessarlack of consultation with major school, elementary, or secondstakeholders would be indefen-

sible, it was learned.

The provisions have been described as a shotgun or shock approach to get private schools that fall outside the curriculum—set by either the board or the private school coalition, a self-policing body—to fall in line with standard.

The House Committee on Health, Education and Welfare had recommended the passage of the bill, which repeals and re-enacts the Education Act of 1988.

In their committee report, lawmakers note that the CNMI State Board of Education has taken issue with amendments to the House bill but that a compromise was reached with all stakeholders.

The bill's most recent amendments grant power to the Education Board in the establishment of nonpublic schools in the CNMI. It also provides how these nonpublic schools can get government assistance.

Any person or institution that ary—must submit an applica-

tion for a charter to be approved and issued by the Education Board, the bill states.

The application will entail name, location of school and program, language and course of instruction, and the summary of school or program financing, and other necessary information that the board may require, the bill states.

The nonpublic school applicant must satisfy the board's curriculum, building safety, health, sanitation, and any other standards required by the CNMI or state board.

The bill gives the board no more than three months from date of receipt of application to approve or disapprove a charter. Failure to act grants approval of the application, and the bill gives the board authority to monitor the charter school.

The bill also vests the board with power to suspend or revoke the charter of any nonpublic school after notice and public hearing—if in its judgily opposed to the mandate but wants to establish or operate a ment the charter holder has would like to comment, as a nonpublic school—be it pre- violated its terms of charter or does not provide the education required.

Raymond James named MPLT's investment consultant

The Marianas Public Lands Trust board unanimously selected last night the financial advising firm Raymond James as its investment consultant.

Acting MPLT chair Herman Deleon Guerrero signed the contract with the investment consultant after the vote during a break in their public meeting on Capital Hill last night.

According to board member Pete Cruz, Raymond James was the highest-rated consultant out of five bids received following a competitive request for proposals.

The board met two weeks ago with representatives of Raymond James in Honolulu.

During the board meeting, Cruz noted that their former consultant, Morgan Stanley, had given the trustees until Dec. 30 to find an investment consultant.

The Raymond James team,

though, will be made up of the same team that previously advised the board. Morgan Stanley is transitioning its practices under Raymond James and Associates, according to the Wall Street Journal in June.

"Raymond James happens to be familiar faces," Cruz said at the board meeting.

"Services is what we are after and they meet the services." (Dennis B. Chan)



Tang: Settlement Fund will be 'pay-as-you-go' by 2019

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Unless the CNMI government increases its contributions, the NMI Settlement Fund is expected to become a pay-as-you-go entity by the year 2019, according to Fund trustee Joyce C.H. Tang, reiterating her statements since last year

Tang also maintains the view that the casino licensing fee of \$15 million per year paid by Best Sunshine International, Ltd. would better be used to pay the 75 percent pension or invested by the Settlement Fund so as to increase the investment horizon, instead of being used to pay off the 25-percent that was cut from the pensions of government retirees.

By 2019, retirement income of all the beneficiaries will be entirely dependent upon the government's contributions.

Tang also disclosed that in order to meet its financial obligations, the Settlement Fund withdraw \$22.81 million from its investments in fiscal year 2015. Because the funding requirements of the Settlement Fund exceeded the income of the Fund, the Fund must draw on its investments to cover the outflows, she said.

The Fund contributions, casino licensing fee, and drawdown from investments are among the issues that Tang discussed in her report for combined second, third and fourth quarters of fiscal year 2015 that was filed in federal court last week.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood will take up the report on Friday.

In her report, Tang disclosed

that the beginning value of investments for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 2015, was \$80.18 million, and the ending investment value was \$73.7 million.

Tang said the government paid the minimum annual payment of \$27 million in fiscal 2015. That amount represents 82.63 percent of the income the Settlement Fund received in 2015. The remaining 17.37 percent payments came primarily from employer and employee contributions and investment income.

For fiscal year 2016—Oct. 1, 2015, to Sept. 30, 2016—the minimum annual payment increased to \$30 million, Tang said. The government has until the end of December 2016 to pay \$4.5 million, the first quarter payment due for fiscal 2016.

On top of the \$27 million minimum annual payment, Tang said the government has been paying the 25 percent additional pension payments to the retirees. Since most retirees live on a fixed income, this payment represents a significant amount for most retirees, she said.

Tang believes that a more prudent use of the 25 percent payments is to give the money to the Settlement Fund to invest.

"This would extend the investment horizon and provide more security and long-term benefit to retirees," she said.

The Settlement Fund has been assisting the government with the processing of the 25 percent payments on a bi-weekly basis.

Tang has expressed her concerns to Gov. Eloy S. Inos that once the casino license fees are exhausted, the government will have to find another funding source to

fund the 25 percent payments.

Tang said Inos was amenable to an arrangement whereby the funds are deposited into an escrow account owned by the government to process the 25 percent payments.

Under this arrangement, she said, the government will transfer funds each pay period for the 25 percent payments in the escrow account, and the Settlement Fund role will be limited to providing confidential retirees' information and calculation of the payments to the bank to process the payments to retirees.

She said all expenses for the escrow account, bank fees, and maintenance fees will be borne by the government.

This arrangement, Tang said, would stop if the government defaults on any payment obligation.

All autonomous agencies are current on employer contributions through Sept. 5, 2015, Tang said, except for the Northern Marianas College, which has objected to paying the 30 percent rate. NMC's position is that it is required to pay the employer contribution rate at 20 percent only.

Tang said NMC now owes the Settlement Fund a total of \$99,415.46, including \$19,883.09 in penalty.

The government, meanwhile, has been prompt in paying for the reimbursement of trustee's fees, Tang said. The government has agreed to reimburse the Settlement Fund for the trustee's fees in the amount of \$694,998.30, to be paid in 24 installments of \$28,958.26 a month. Tang said there is a balance of \$202,707.88 remaining as of November 2015.





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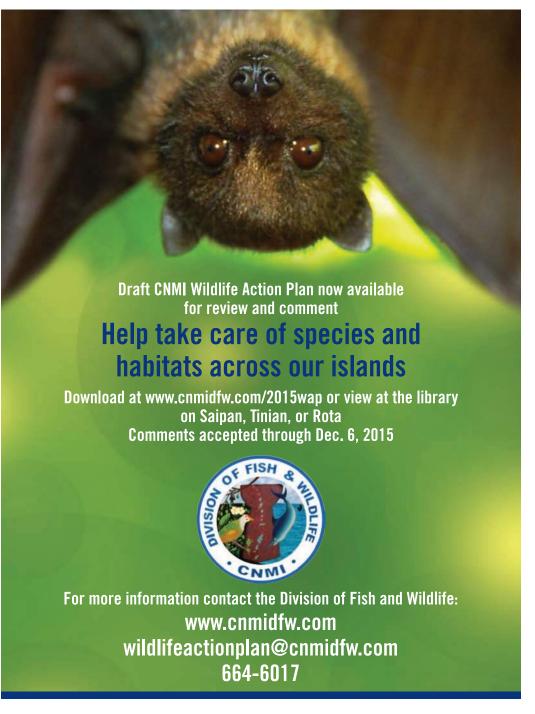
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KagES to get temporary transformer

Kagman Elementary School may soon get its power back.

More than three months after Typhoon Soudelor hit Saipan, KagES is still not on the grid because of its different distribution system for power.

"They have a ground-based transformer. That school, whoever built it, was designed that way," Commonwealth Utilities Corp. public information officer Brad Ruszala said, adding that CUC does not own the transformer in KagES.

"What we will do is bring power along our lines and connect it to the ground transformer," Ruszala said.

According to KagES principal Dr. Ignacia Demapan, they are working on getting a temporary transformer while they wait for a permanent replacement.

"We have already ordered our transformer from off-island," Demapan said.

She added that loaning a transformer that belongs to the Department of Public Safety is currently in the works.

"On Thursday one of the companies will proceed with having that transformer transferred to our school," Demapan said.

She added that power restoration depends on how fast the people will work on it; however, a certification has to be made before CUC can energize the school.

"Instead of being able to power them up right away, we won't be able to power them until they pass some certification," Ruszala said. (Frauleine Villanueva-Dizon)

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corpus on an annual basis, Deleon Guerrero said.

"We will try to find ways that it will work as the Constitution allows," he said. "The governor is asking for something that is important to help our people and I am sure—I cannot speak for any trustee that they also feel the same thing—but we have to be mindful of the fact that we have a constitutional responsibility."

Saipan Tribune learned that an amount of about \$1.5 million has been discussed.

When asked, Deleon Guerrero could not confirm this information but said they would continue to discuss that with the acting governor.

"I don't know whether it's \$1.5 or \$5 million...but if you are talking about interest income that is remitted annually to the general revenue of the Commonwealth, we are averaging about \$1.5 million," he said.

MPLT is mandated by law to remit net investment earnings to the general fund at the end of each fiscal year. However, in recent years trustees held off its annual remittance to recover the \$4 million it advanced to the CNMI general fund in 2010.

One possibly strategy, *Saipan Tribune* learned, is to move back the 2017 date set to resume the remittance of interest into the general fund.

Discussions have centered on moving back this deadline to 2018, thus opening up the interest for this fiscal year, so the government will be granted about \$1.5 million to fund programs for home reconstruction, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

In his October letter to MPLT, Torres said many citizens of Northern Marianas descent are suffering after Typhoon Soudelor.

"Homes have been lost, property destroyed and lives upended," he said. "Use of public funds generated from the rental and leasing of NMI public lands to help these persons of NMD would obviously be a great benefit...While I am aware that there are limits to the purposes for which the funds held by the Trust, I would like to open the discussion as to the urgent need for individuals of Northern Marianas descent to rebuild their homes using Trust funds in some fashion, Torres said in his letter.

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"The life of that cell, it was estimated that it's seven months out before it was filled, but now it has been shortened significantly," he said.

According to Rabauliman, DPW is now looking at using Cell 2.

The landfill's Cell 1 and Cell 2 are both lined, but before Cell 2 can be utilized, safety measures must made for Cell 3—which is unlined.

"Once they're using Cell 2, they've got to be very careful because if leachate fills up at Cell 2, there's a risk that it would go to Cell 3, and Cell 3 is not lined, and it could percolate down to the ground water, which is the worst thing you want to see." Rabauliman said.

Leachate is the liquid that percolates through a landfill and

has picked up dissolved, suspended, and/or microbial contaminants from the waste.

"BECQ wants to ensure that there is no leachate that would go from Cell 2 to the unlined Cell 3," Rabauliman said. "That leachate cannot go into an unlined area."

To be able to use Cell 2, DPW would need to build a termination berm that would prevent leachate from going from Cell 2 to the unlined Cell 3, Rabauliman said.

He said that DPW, through a change order, is working on the termination berm, which could be finished in about 60 to 90 days.

However, lining Cell 3 would eventually need to be done, although funding would also be needed for that.

"It's needed that they line Cell 3 because at some point Cell 2 will be filled," Rabauli-

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Ikeda, along with a Kannat Tabla resident who agreed to speak on condition of anonymity, stated that a Chinese investor has been checking out their apartments in the last few months and the deal may have already gone through as they've been given notices to move out.

"I felt like something was going on," said the Kannat Tabla resident. "My landlord hasn't spoken to us about it but I see [representatives of this foreign investor] coming around and my landlord cleaning up the property to make it look nice for them."

It's just a matter of time, she said, but she's hoping that they don't get chased out.

"There are no other places to go and I'm a single mother. Every place already has up to 50 people waiting and the places that are available are either \$800 or \$900," the Kannat Tabla resident said. "You know I see many homeless people who are still looking for a place and they can't find anything. I don't know what to do so I'm just hoping."

Ikeda herself was told to vacate her apartment in 45 days or before the end of December. "I didn't even find out first from my landlord. I found out from my coworker who was to move into the vacant unit under the same landlord. She was to move in by end of October but two days before that, she was hearing from my neighbor that [our landlord] was going to be selling the property to a Chinese company."

Just days before her coworker was to move in, Ikeda said her coworker was told that only a 45-day contract was available, despite the thousands of dollars they've already spent to improve the unit, not including the security deposit that Ikeda's

coworker paid to secure the

"They stopped right there and pulled out and this was just two days until the expiration of their other apartment...so they begged their landlord to stay a few more days," Ikeda said.

She said her coworker is now planning to take the landlord to court. "There's a broker that came just recently because our landlord can't face us and [the broker] is telling us that [the landlord] will only pay what the [landlord] wants to pay."

That same night, the landlord knocked on Ikeda's door and finally disclosed what she already knew. "I asked her about the terms and conditions and she said I don't know, it's not my problem."

Her landlord told her to talk to "them" but did not reveal who the new landlord was going to be. "She wouldn't let me talk to whoever it was. I didn't even get a chance to look over the terms and conditions. My contract was supposed to be renewed in August but because of Soudelor it was postponed...so my landlord has been trying to negotiate a deal with the Chinese investors for four months and I only get 45 days," she said.

The broker who served as the middleman between the current landlord and the Chinese investor kept trying to convince her to be thankful for getting at least a 45-day notice.

"We're in an emergency disaster situation right now and you don't know how many families I've seen without a house, without a roof, who have been looking and they still can't find a house for the last three months. How can I find a house within 45 days if these people can't even find one in three months?" she asked.

"I don't have a problem with the new landlord but I haven't been able to find a house... The broker tried to

convince me to sign the new contract so later I went to the [Attorney General's] Office to file a complaint. They said the law only requires a 14-day notice to vacate and that they're sorry there's nothing they can do," she said.

Ikeda said she knows of many others in the same predicament.

"There was one girl, right in the middle of the storms that followed Soudelor. She had three dogs with her and she was literally being kicked out or she was going to be homeless. She was asking for my help because [CORE] was also looking for homes for families," she said.

Ikeda laments that her situation may be legal "and my landlord knows that but there's no assurance for me. There's no law that protects a tenant."

The last time that the government addressed tenant and landlord rights was in 1996, under Public Law 10-67 or the Holdover Tenancy Act, for the purpose of protecting landlord assets and interests.

Under Section 2 of the Act, "The outright sale of real property being restricted as a matter of public policy and as a constitutional mandate, the leasehold transaction over real estate has become the most common economic activity that spurs investments from both foreign and local sources. It has been observed, however, that lessors encounter delays in evicting holdover tenants after the termination of the lease or breach of the lease agreement. Currently, an action for eviction of a holdover tenant must be filed as a breach of contract complaint, in which the landlord or lessor incurs court costs and attorney's fees. This legal remedy can take months and even years, before a tenant is evicted from the leased premises and the landlord or lessor is restored to possession. These prolonged proceedings are an unfair denial of the landlord's right to possession and result in considerable court costs and legal fees, which are borne by the landlord. The purpose of this act is to provide for a prompt and fair summary procedure for the eviction of a holdover tenant from the leased premises."

During a Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts meeting last Tuesday, workforce recovery chair Matthew Deleon Guerrero said the government is working to address the issue of tenant/landlord laws.

Just recently, the government conducted a study called the Analysis of Impediments, initiated by the Northern Marianas Housing Corp., to analyze impediments in finding fair housing in the Commonwealth. It found that there is a lack of fair housing complaint activity and a lack of legal avenues for Commonwealth residents who believe they have experienced housing discrimination.

This comes only weeks after the Nov. 1 declaration of major disaster and state of significant emergency for the Commonwealth. Despite this, the increased pricing of housing and the price freeze declaration to prevent price gouging only states that prices on such items as food, clothing, generators, and tools are to remain at pre-storm numbers and nothing has been done to address housing rates.

So far, many local properties aside from the properties of the two individuals in this story have been leased by Chinese investors: Miller Estates, Flametree Terrace, Mango Resort, Vestcor Village, and other locally owned inner village apartment properties to house workers that are being brought in for their projects, leaving existing tenants scrambling to find homes or at the mercy of increased rental rates.

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Senate, in turn, had amended and then recalled, before forwarding a version to the House that incorporated Attorney General Edward Manibusan's concerns over provisions that would exempt regulators from the Open Government Act and establish a revolving fund from license fees for use solely by the commission, among others.

commission, among others.

The Senate had heeded Manibusan's concerns in passing the final version of the bill, adopting privacy and confidentially mandates mirroring that of the state of New Jersey, and allowing for this revolving fund to be appropriated by the Legislature in 2017.

The House majority believed the bill heeded most of the AG's concerns and urged for its passage.

But minority lawmaker rallied around the comments of a concerned citizen, former lawmaker Rosemond Santos, who raised issue with a provision in the law that would allow a person under 21 working at the casino to

handle and serve alcohol.

She was citing an amendment that read: "Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a holder of a casino employee or casino key employee license issued by the Commonwealth Casino Commission who is under 21 years of age but at least 18 years may possess and serve, but may not consume, alcohol in the course of the licensee's employment."

Reps. Edwin Propst, Larry Deleon Guerrero, Anthony Benavente, and Roman Benavente, among others, echoed Santos' concerns in an attempt by the minority bloc to get this bill to conference committee for further deliberation.

Rep. Angel Demapan, however, cited the last time the Senate and House met for a conference debate on a bill—this fiscal year's budget act—and how that resulted in "three line item vetoes" by Gov. Eloy S. Inos.

He said no bill is perfect, and the bill now before them is not the same one that earlier passed the House, meaning it did go through proper scrutiny.

He said that despite these "major transformations," they

were here for one goal, which is to establish oversight over the casino industry. "Today our goal is to make sure the industry that is here is properly regulated."

"We have a legislation to basically enhance the functionality" of the regulators but the bill is "being misconstrued as legislation to benefit the [casino] licensee," Best Sunshine International, Ltd.

Demapan said the casino commission is on the cusp of shutting down operations, noting the 35 full time employees approved in the bill.

"I am very concerned that the industry is operating without proper regulation," he said.

The bill also grants the commission investigation powers, and leeway for investigators to gamble at the Saipan casino.

He said the bill is one step toward proper regulation and though it may not be perfect, it is their duty to refine the law moving forward.

"We need to make a decision today...or watch an industry operate without regulation," he said.

Propst said some lawmakers were "acting like the sky is falling if" they did not get the bill

passed that day. He urged due diligence as lawmakers, noting other times the lawmakers "rushed things." He was referring to the first passage of the casino law last year, which railroaded the Open Government Act requirements on public notice.

The bill also deemed the casino commission and its agent "essential."

"Notwithstanding any previous law, in the event of a budgetary or other fiscal crisis which necessitates a temporary closure of the nonessential agencies of the Commonwealth, the Commonwealth Casino Commission and its agents shall be deemed to be essential employees and shall continue to perform their duties," the bill states.

Previously, there has been no statutory declaration of essential employees, *Saipan Tribune* learned. In previous budget meltdowns, the government issued memorandums declaring which employees were essential. That means commission employees can sleep easy, knowing they have been declared statutorily essential over teachers, police officers, and doctors.

To RFP Garapan Annex lot or not? That is the question

REPORTER

The fate of a plan to put up a request for proposal to lease out the Garapan Annex—the housing project more popularly known as Lower MIHA—will be known today during the Northern Marianas Housing Corp. board meeting.

According to corporate director Jesse Palacios, the board would decide whether to approve or disapprove the RFP.

"We already have a draft RFP in place. It's just a matter of the board approving it and having it ready for publication," Palacios said.

The RFP for the property has been in the works for quite some time now. The corporation first issued an RFP for the 45-unit property in 2011. The board then cancelled the RFP in 2012, citing legal issues.

"There was an RFP already issued, published and then three proposals submitted. But then we had to cancel the proposals because we had to review that public law," Palacios said, referring to Public Law 6-34, which states that the lease of a property should be based on the outstanding obligations of NMHC.

"It's a little bit unique because...when you lease a property it's based on the appraised fair market value. In this case, it's based on the total outstanding obligations of NMHC," Palacios said.

The outstanding obligations of NMHC as of Sept. 30, 2015, is about \$11 million, which is higher than the appraised value of the 40,000 square-meter lot across the Commonwealth Health Center. That includes unpaid interest and recapture receivable.

Palacios said their obligations are guarantees to other federal agencies, the biggest of which is U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development housing loans.

"NMHC guaranteed over 300 loans but the problem is NMHC guaranteed the loan without any funding, any actual assets," Palacios said.

Those who would lease the land should also pay NMHC cash up front as well as give the corporation a percentage of their gross. The property cannot be divided but must be leased as a whole.

Unlike other lands, though, NMHC can lease the land for up to 55 years.

Despite these issues. Palacios said there are many who are interested in this piece of prime property in the heart of Garapan. "We have people interested in the property so I don't think that it's going to be a problem."

He said there are at least five interested companies off and on island that are looking to establish different projects such as housing, a shopping mall, a medical facility, and restaurants in the property.

Mafnas removed from special assistant post

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Ray Mafnas, special assistant to Gov. Eloy S. Inos for project development, is being relieved of his duties, Saipan Tribune learned yesterday.

Press secretary Ivan Blanco said the administration has issued a "60 days notice to Special Assistant Ray Mafnas pursuant to his public service contract."

Blanco was responding to Saipan Tribune's request to confirm a news tip received yesterday afternoon that Mafnas had been "fired."

"The administration appreciates his dedication and service during his tenure," Blanco said in an email near press time yesterday. "We wish him well in his next endeavors."

Mafnas' position as special assistant has been described as an integrated type of proj-

development monitoring that would assist different government agencies in consistently reviewing projects that go by their purview.

Mafnas is a former Cabinet



Mafnas

member and commissioner of the Department Corrections and Department of Public Safety, as well as senior policy adviser for former governor Benigno R. Fitial.

PDM Promoters Inc. hauls 860 lbs of trash

Paseo de Marianas Promoters or PDM Promoters, together with 10 Kinpachi Restaurant staff and 18 Saipan Awaodori team members, collected over 860 lbs of trash during a two-hour monthly cleanup in the Garapan tourist district last Saturday.

The team of volunteers collected aluminum cans, bottles, and numerous foliage among other trash around the business establishments near the vicinity of Paseo de Marianas and the fire station toward the front of American

thousand lbs of trash from the same area in the last few months and continues to advocate for the continued

next cleanup, call Sonia at 234-6900. (Daisy Demapan)

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EOC issues small craft advisory

Fresh trade winds and combined seas building to 8 to 10 feet will produce hazardous conditions for operators of small craft through tonight, Nov. 18, according to the **CNMI Emergency Operations** Center. A tropical disturbance is expected to bring scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms to the region by this evening.

A small craft advisory is now in effect until 6am Thursday. East to northeast winds of 20 to 25 knots and combined seas building to 8 to 10 feet will produce hazardous conditions for operators of small craft.

Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, are being advised to avoid boating in these conditions. If travel by boat is necessary, exercise caution especially near reef lines and when entering or leaving harbors and inlets. (EOC)





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PUBLIC NOTICE

PRESENTATION ON THE COMPLETED REPORT FOR THE ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE

This notice is to inform the general public that the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) will be hosting the presentation on the completed report for the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice.

The report can be reviewed at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Central Office, NMHC Field Offices in Tinian and Rota. The report can also be viewed online at www.nmhcgov.net.

The presentation will be held at our NMHC Central Office on November 19. 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the NMHC Conference Room. The presentation will provide the community an overview of the report on the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. This presentation will also allow our community to inquire and provide comments regarding the report.

If you may have any questions or concerns regarding this presentation, please feel free to contact Mr. Jacob Muna, Planner/Environmental Officer at (670)234-6866/7689.

NMHC will make necessary arrangements for persons with disabilities. If you should require any special accommodations please contact our office.

/s/ Jesse S. Palacios Corporate Director



Rotary rounding out its end-of-the-year projects

daisy_demapan@saipantribune.com REPORTER

After more than five years of fundraising efforts through their signature Las Vegas Night, the Rotary Club of Saipan is now moving to the next phase of their Kagman community playground and park project.

According to club president Curtis Dancoe, the next phase requires building designs and a scope of work that will be submitted to the Northern Marianas Housing Corp. by the end of November for certification.

He said the commemorative da'ok tree that was planted on the site and stolen three times has since been replaced and is still standing where the future Kagman playground will be built.

Club services director Elitza Stoilova said the club is workon Rotary International requirements and it is being eyed to go live next year.

"We're slowly recovering and gaining ground so we're getting caught up with our service activities," Dancoe said. "We've enjoyed a 20-percent increase in membership as well as an increase in participation. [Although] secretary Marcia [Ayuyu] is taking a leave of absence, she'll be coming back and sharing in fellowship soon."

Salvation Army ministry leader Wayne Gillespie said the Salvation Army will continue to have their annual toy drive in partnership with Rotary to collect toys mainly for the Division of Youth Services.

"We are looking for puzzles, games, books, and toys...

ing on an official website based DYS' shelter is pretty full this would like to deliver the dinner year with a lot more kids than usual." he said.

> For the annual community Thanksgiving dinner, "we're looking for referrals for people who do not have transportation and whose homes have been destroyed...because this year we

to them," Gillespie said.

According to Dancoe, Nov. 24, which is usually reserved as their Thanksgiving dinner with the man'amko, has been postponed due to the disrepair of the center after Typhoon Soudelor. Instead, Nov. 24, Dec. 1 and

Keyes passes basic combat training

Army Pvt. Julie Anne Marie M. Reyes has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, SC.

During the nine weeks of training, Reyes studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Reves is the daughter of Antonio M. Reyes of Saipan in the Northern Mariana Islands.

She is a 2015 graduate of Marianas High School on Saipan. (PR)

Dec. 8 will be normal membership meetings at the Hyatt Regency Saipan with the final Dec. 15 meeting taking place at Laolao Bay Golf & Resort in conjunction with their annual Christmas Party.

The club will then resume normal membership meetings on Jan. 5 and hold Las Vegas

Night at the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort on Jan. 9.

The club is still looking for interested volunteer dealers for the night

For more information on how you can purchase tickets or volunteer for the event, contact saipanrotary@gmail.com.

Convicted sex offender arrested for another sex abuse of a minor

Price Ekon Shoiter, a 68-yearold registered sex offender, was arrested again on Sunday for allegedly sexually abusing a 7-year-old girl in Dandan.

Shoiter was taken to Superior Court yesterday on charges of sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree, assault and battery, disturbing the peace, and offenses involving a minor victim. His bail was set at \$50,000 cash. Preliminary hearing is on Nov. 27 at 9am.

Chief Public Defender Douglas Hartig was appointed as counsel for Shoiter.

DMS students do well in

Dandan Middle School congratulates its Tottots for their achievements dur-

ing the Junior International Thespian

■ Jonathan Wolf: 1st Place,

■ Jonathan Wolf and Rio Ayu

■ Ramhae Awit: 5th Place, Solo

Shadow: 3rd Place, Duet Acting

Thespian meet

Society November meet:

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Musical

CAMPUS MILESTONES

Rhonda C. John, a police officer responded to a residence in Dandan on Sunday at 6:14pm after the Department of Public Safety received a call about a sexual abuse incident.

John said the investigation showed that the girl was sleeping when Shoiter fondled her privates.

The girl told a relative about what Shoiter did, but she was told not to report the incident to her father. The girl eventually told her father about what happened.

Shoiter was convicted in March 2004 of sexually abusing According to police detective a minor. (Ferdie de la Torre)



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SCS hails NJSDA winner

Saipan Community School congratulates the winners of the first National Junior Speech and Debate Association competition held Oct. 31 at the San Antonio Middle School.

- Kate Ishida: 1st place, Humorous Interpretation A
- James Park and Shaina Lee, 1st place, Duo A
- Vinson Bacani: 1st place, Story A
- Esther Park: 3rd place, Story A
- Moon Zeng: 4th place, Story A ■ Seung Ju Lee: 5th place, Story A
- Yelee Cha: 2nd place, Story B
- Paul Ham: 3rd place, Story B
- Annie Ren: 4th place, Story B ■ Erica Kim: 5th place, Story B
- Yelee Cha: 1st place, Prose
- Masters A ■ Kate Ishida 3rd place, Prose
- Masters A ■ Esther Park: 1st place, Prose Masters B
- Jeffrey Seo: 3rd place, Prose
- Masters B ■ Shaina Lee: 5th place, Prose
- Paul Ham: 1st place, Prose B ■ Seung Jin Paik: 4th place
- Prose B ■ Moon Zeng: 2nd place, Prose C ■ Maxine Rabago: 2nd place, Im-
- promptu A ■ Jeffrey Seo: 5th place, Impromptu B
- Maxine Rabago: 3rd place, Poetry Masters A
- Jeffrey Seo: 3rd place, Poetry Masters B
- Annie Ren: 1st place, Poetry

The NJSDA is a prestigious middle school speech and debate society that hosts local meets throughout the school year. Established in 1976. SCS is the oldest Christian school on Saipan. For more information, call SCS at 234-6687 and visit their website, www.saipancommunityschool. com. (Saipan Tribune)

ESFDB Principal's List, Honor Roll

Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja congratulates the following students for making it to the 1st Quarter Principal's List and Honor Roll. (Students are listed in alphabetical order according to their last names.)

STAR READER

- Ladao, Eianne Miel M., Kinder-
- Matondo, Keefe G., Kindergar-

RISING STAR

- Hocog, Edward Q. III, Kinder-
- Mendiola Ryder James, Kinder-
 - Orpillo, Ricalene, Kindergarten

PRINCIPAL'S LIST

- Atalig, Damian "J" H., 1st Grade ■ Maratita, Edward U. III, 2nd
- Ladao, Éclair Marj M., 4th Grade
- Mahusay, MJ, 4th Grade
- Manuel, SonJoe S., 4th Grade
- Reyel, Brylle Angelo P., 4th
- Balgoa, Kaitlyn Amber P., 5th Grade
- Clitar, John Kent DIC., 5th Grade ■ Clitar Marvin DIC., 6th Grade
- (accelerated to 7th Grade)
- Lucero, Angelo S., 8th Grade

'A' HONOR

- Tacud, Katrina Shayne, 1st Grade
- Tobongbanua, JohnAnthony, 3rd Grade ■ Cantil, Michael Jon T., 5th
- Grade ■ Atalig, Jeremy John II, 7th
- Grade

'B' HONOR

Grade

- Atalig, Brynn Annalise Sn., 1st
- Manglona, Cadence, 1st Grade ■ Hocog, Edward Marco B., 2nd
- Tacud, John Henry, 2nd Grade
- Hocog, Titus Hugh T., 3rd Grade ■ Hocog, Autumn Pasencia T., 4th
- Atalig, Landen Drake C., 5th Grade
 - Atalig, Cyrus Vidal, 6th Grade
- Guiawan, Auston Marvin E., 6th

Tropical depression has potential to affect Marianas

The CNMI Emergency Operations Center is closely monitoring a tropical depression that has the potential to affect the Commonwealth in the next few days.

Tropical Depression 27W is expected to produce inclement weather for the Mariana Islands by Thursday or Friday, according to information from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, and Joint Typhoon Warning Center.

At 4pm yesterday, the center of Tropical Depression 27W was about 1,320 miles east-southeast of Guam and 1,320 miles east-southeast of Saipan, moving west at 20 mph. This position reflects a slight relo-

cation farther south than the previous advisory. Tropical Depression 27W has moved due west during the past three to six hours and is expected to gradually turn toward the west-northwest with little change in forward speed over the next 24 to 48 hours. This track could bring the storm to-

ward the Mariana Islands.

Maximum sustained winds are 30 mph. Tropical Depression 27W is forecasted to intensify during the next few days and could become a tropical storm Wednesday.

Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms along with gusty winds of 15 to 25 mph with gusts of up to 35 mph are expected in the southern Mariana islands starting Thursday and persisting through at least Saturday. Rainfall could be heavy at times, especially Thursday night through Friday night. Stronger winds are possible by the weekend.

Residents of the Marianas

should stay informed on the progress of Tropical Depression 27W by keeping up with the latest statements and forecasts. Keep alert for any statements from local officials or call the CNMI Emergency Operations Center at (670) 237-8000 or on HF single side band radio at frequency 5.205.0. (EOC)

IT&E installs new 4G site on Navy Hill



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO IT&E technicians and engineers install a new 4G cellular site in the Navy Hill area.

IT&E informed its customers and the community yesterday that a new 4G cellular site is now operational and carrying voice, text, and data in the Navy Hill area.

Customers will receive greatly improved coverage throughout the Navy Hill area and especially in the Anaks Condominiums, the Army Reserve Center, Marina Heights, and the northern parts of American Memorial Park.

"IT&E is very proud of its progress and commitment to providing Saipan with improved 4G service and expanded coverage throughout the island," said John M. Compton, IT&E chief operating officer. "We have also purchased the equipment to install additional 4G sites on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota this year and in 2016. Just as soon as each of these sites are ready for our customers, we will notify the public." (IT&E)

Ex-cop Richards is found using 'ice' again

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie_delatorre@saipantribune.com

The U.S. Probation Office wants to revoke the supervised release of former police officer Florencio Q. Richards for allegedly using crystal meth again and for committing other violations.

According to U.S. Probation Officer Gregory F. Arriola, Richards recently tested positive for "ice" use and admitted to using the illegal drug on Oct. 11 and 21.

Arriola said Richards also failed to submit to a drug test on Oct. 11 and failed to report to the U.S. Probation Office as instructed for drug testing on Oct 23

Richards was allegedly preoccupied with other activities and forgot to call the hotline, or he allegedly forgot about his drug test appointment.

Last December, the federal court revoked Richards' supervised release and slapped him with a nine-month prison term for violating his probation by repeatedly using methamphetamine or "ice." Upon his release, he was placed on 24 months of supervised release.

In July 2014, Arriola told the court that Richards has not complied with the conditions of his supervision by using "ice" on May 31 and June 1, 2014. Richards also failed to report for drug testing on May 30 and 31, and June 3, 2014. He failed to report for a counseling session on June 3, 2014.

At the time, Arriola warned Richards that the next positive drug test will result in court action.

In August 2011, the court sentenced Richards to 24 months in prison for distributing "ice" while he was still active officer.

At the sentencing, Richards told the court that he deeply regrets his actions. He apologized to his family and the community for "betraying their trust and confidence in him."

On Jan. 30, 2014, U.S. Dis-

trict Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona revoked Richards' supervised release and sent him to three months in prison with credit for time served for using "ice" again. The judge ordered that after serving the three months in prison, the defendant will be placed on 33 months of supervised release.

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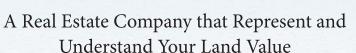
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Six NMC students awarded over 4K in scholarships



DAISY DEMAPAN

First Hawaiian Bank and Guam Business Magazine present scholarships to six Northern Marianas College students in order to promote higher education and professional careers

By DAISY DEMAPAN

First Hawaiian Bank and Guam Business Magazine scholarships totaling \$4,810 were presented vesterday to six business students at the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents conference room.

Magazine publisher Maureen Maratita and FHB region manager Laura Dacanay

Businesswoman of the Year program 10 years ago to recognize women in business who have made extraordinary accomplishments in their careers and who have also given back to their communities.

"For the first two years of the program, the sole beneficiary was the University of Guam and then we realized that both companies do business in Guam and

shared that they formed the Northern Mariana Islands. We wanted to broaden what we were doing so the program now also provides scholarships for NMC and Guam Community College. We were very fortunate to see that the support we received to share as scholarships was growing," Maratita said.

"We typically get a lot of applications from NMC and we are very pleased. It's an honor to be part of higher education to help students fulfill their career dreams... Nominees and their companies help support the program and the net proceeds is what we turn over into scholarships," Dacanay added.

Although the program is called Businesswoman of the Year, Dacanay states, "We do not discriminate. We have male [scholarship] recipients in Guam and Saipan. The recognition program to raise the funds is a businesswoman program but when we give out scholarships it does not matter so long as [recipients] pursue a business-like career to help fulfill the needs of the community."

The scholarships are awarded based on grade point average, financial need, community service and extra-curricular activities, as well as an interview and essay process.

"Our companies are both

headed by women and it's an extra challenge being a woman in business... but there are no glass ceilings anymore," Dacanay said.

The recipients received scholarships covering 50 percent of their credit hours plus a \$200 stipend after signing a scholarship agreement.

Roy Alegre, a second-time awardee, received \$770; Denicia Avendano received \$770; Jasmine Che, also a second-time awardee, received \$960; Riya Nathrani got \$1,750; Debby Siu, \$485; and Aireen Valencia, \$785.

Following this year's presentations, the program will have awarded a total of \$207,377 in scholarships to 111 deserving students in Guam and the CNMI since 2006. Funds for the scholarships were raised through the annual Businesswoman of the Year Gala.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Free medical mission on Nov. 22

The Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ (4th Watch) Saipan will be hosting a free medical mission on Nov. 22, 2015, at the Garapan Central Park Roundhouse, from 3pm to 6pm. There will be blood sugar and blood pressure check, body massage/reflex, facial cleansing, haircut, eye screening, snacks, giveaways, and counseling/prayers for the sick. For more information, call Pastor Claire at 789-7566. (PR)

'Smart Start' event for all MHS seniors

Marianas High School, in collaboration with Northern Marianas College, will be having their Senior Start Smart event. All seniors are required to attend. Seniors who are not allowed to attend need to turn in a signed slip. Seniors with last names A-Concepcion are scheduled to attend on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015, from 8:30am to 2:30pm, at Saipan World Resort, Taga Room. Seniors whose last names begin with Conner-Z are scheduled to attend on Monday, Nov. 23, 2015, from 8:30am to 2:30pm, at Saipan World Resort, Taga Room. (PR)

Caregivers workshop

The Commonwealth Respite Service Program, under the Ayuda Network, Inc. in collaboration with the Council on Developmental Disabilities, is inviting family caregivers for a one-day workshop on Nov. 20, 2015, at Pacific Islands Club, Napu Room from 8am to 2:30pm. Seating is limited on a first-come, first-serve basis. To register, call Ayuda Network at 322-7469 from 7:30am to 4pm. Registration deadline is Nov. 18 at 3:30pm. (PR)

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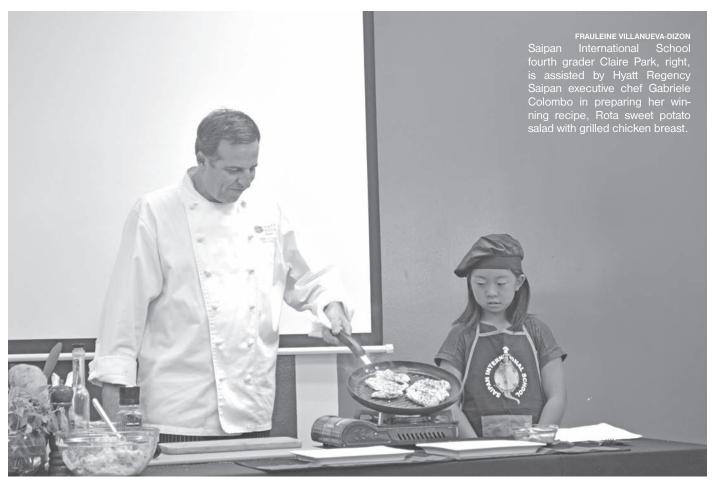
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<u>Date, Time, and Place of Sale.</u> The sale will be held on Friday, December 11, 2015, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

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CNMI winner in recipe competition holds cooking demo



By FRAULEINE VILLANUEVA-DIZON

Fresh off her state level victory in the fourth annual Healthy Lunchtime Challenge, fourth grader Claire Park led a healthy cooking demonstration for her older schoolmates at the Saipan International School on Monday.

As the CNMI winner in the national competition, Park was this year's representative to the Kids' "State Dinner," which

gave her the chance to meet President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama.

She and her mom, Jin Hee Lee, went to Washington, D.C., last summer and joined the other 54 winners of the contest for a private tour of museums as well as the White House and a dinner with the first lady.

"It was good. I got to talk to the President once and took a picture with the first lady," Park said of her visit to the President's residence.

Back on island and with the First Lady's Kids & Chefs Cook for Success mission to promote healthy cooking in her community, the young chef demonstrated how to prepare her winning recipe, Rota sweet potato salad with grilled chicken breast.

Her celebrity chef of choice, Hyatt Regency Saipan executive chef Gabriele Colombo, was her assistant for the day.

Asked why she chose the

sweet potato for her recipe, Park said her family loves its taste and that it contains a lot of nutrients.

"Our family likes the sweet potato, so me and my mom made a sweet potato recipe," Park said.

Lee said Park loves to cook, especially baking, and wants to be a baker someday.

After her cooking demo, Colombo also demonstrated his own simple, healthy, and affordable recipe, almond basil pesto



Saipan International School fourth grader Claire Park, right, and her mother, Jin Hee Lee, flank first lady Michelle Obama during a visit to the White House as part of her prize for winning in the fourth annual Healthy Lunchtime Challenge.

and breadfruit chips.

"It's a huge honor to have a student from our school and from our community to be able to go all the way to Washington, D.C., meet the first lady and the President. We are just very happy that Claire came back and had the opportunity to share with people in the community the thing that she did and the

dish she made and promote the idea of a healthy lifestyle," SIS headmaster Tim Bray said.

Aside from SIS, Park will also do a demo at Hyatt on Nov.19 and at Joeten Susupe on Nov. 21, with the goal to inspire and encourage other kids and parents to make healthy food choices and to build basic cooking skills.

Disability workshop seeks to strengthen regional ties

By FRAULEINE VILLANUEVA-DIZON

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The Marianas Chapter of the U.S. Pinoys for Good Governance and the Pacific Disability Forum held a workshop last Saturday at the Kanoa Resort to promote awareness of disability issues and create a regional network for the Pacific.

Speakers for the Disability Awareness Workshop held were PDF chief executive officer Setareki Macanawai and Pohnpei Consumer Organization and FSM National Disabled Person Organization president Nelbert Perez.

With the CNMI yet to become a member of PDF, Macanawai said he is encouraging the Commonwealth to have representatives in the forum.

"They'll get to know not just what's happening on disability in the U.S. but internationally. The training, the conferences we are organizing, they are part of the family and the big advantage is that the CNMI and Guam is in the Pacific and we can connect to each other and learn from each other," Macanawai said.

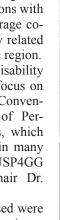
PDF was formed in 2004 after the disability community expressed a need for a regional body to represent persons with disabilities and encourage cooperation on disability related concerns in the Pacific region.

"It's more of disability awareness and more focus on the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which was never discussed in many workshops here," USP4GG Marianas Chapter chair Dr. Celia Lamkin said.

Other topics discussed were disability initiatives at international and regional levels, models of disability, human rights of persons with disabilities, establishing an organization for people with disabilities and disability inclusive development.

Lamkin said the workshop is a step to network and connect with other groups who are also advocates of the disabled community.

"We want to be go beyond the local to the regional and international level so that we



Resort last Friday. can all be connected." Lam-

Some of those present were

members of the CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities, Northern Marianas Pro-

Inc., Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority, CNMI

tection and Advocacy Systems Transitional Living Center, and Northern Marianas Col-



FRAULEINE VILLANUEVA-DIZON Advocates of the disability community attend a workshop with the Pacific Disability Forum and the U.S. Pinoys for Good Governance at Kanoa

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After 'act of war,' solidarity with France means tough choices ahead

hock and revulsion resonates throughout the world to the barbarity inflicted by Islamic State terrorists Friday in Paris. Americans of all political and religious persuasions feel deep sympathy for the French people. Our solidarity is unshakeable in the fight to defeat this Islamic State cancer.

We must now ask what solidarity means in real terms. Many soul-searching questions lie ahead as Americans recognize that the Islamic State is not going to fade away, and the threat of similar atrocities inches closer to our own shores. Islamic State zealots will not be satisfied with the caliphate they claim to have established in Syria and Iraq. They want the rest of the world to cower in fear.

The White House and Congress now must weigh an appropriate U.S. response. France is a close NATO ally, whose defense we are treaty-bound to support militarily—as France did after the 9/11 attacks. French President Francois Hollande declared Friday's attack an "act of war." Those words have real consequences.

The Islamic State is far from contained. Consider the downing of a Russian passenger plane over Egypt's Sinai Peninsula last month, killing 224. A day before the Paris attacks, bombers unleashed hell in a crowded southern Beirut neighborhood, killing 43. Or the horrific videotaped beheadings and other executions earlier this year.

The terrorists are not even slightly interested in negotiations or diplomacy. Death is no deterrent in their quest for radical conquest.

Muslim nations must step up and fight to deny the Islamic State the caliphate that, the terrorists claim, heralds the battle leading to Islam's world domination. So far, Kurdish fighters backed by U.S. air support and a small number of special operations advisers have been the primary forces courageous enough to take the fight to the enemy. Most of the Arab world stands by watching

America cannot stand by as well. Tough choices are ahead as our leaders debate the merits of a return to ground combat in Iraq and Syria. And, given the likelihood that Islamic State sympathizers also are planning high-profile attacks on U.S. soil, all Americans must gauge the limits of their tolerance for the kinds of invasive intelligence-gathering techniques that could help deter terrorist attacks but also threaten privacy.

Western Muslims, the ones most attuned to what's happening in their community mosques and meeting sites, must summon the courage to speak out if they suspect radical cells in their midst.

We don't claim to have easy answers. But as Americans engage in symbolic acts of solidarity with our French counterparts, we must acknowledge that standing firm against terrorism requires deeds, not just words.

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Nuestra Señora Presidente

illary has over 50 percent of the unobligated Democratic convention votes that need not follow state primary results. I often wonder why we elect a President directly (save territories) when electoral votes determine the election. I do feel certain that the U.S. moves on a centrist bent.

F.D. Roosevelt was a NYC Democrat reviled by his own Southern party mates but liked by the rest of the country, giving him four terms as President. Midwest's Harry Truman the schoolteacher was a salve to redeem and reverse "excesses" of the New Deal. Jimmy Carter of Georgia and Bill Clinton of Arkansas were Southern Democrats but they were more Democrats than southerners so we saw a massive exodus of conservatives into the Republican Party.

As a student in Dallas in the late '60s, to be a Republican was to be a Lincoln liberal from the north, Puget Sound to New England.

CA Republican Reagan had a clean movie image and a populist charm that sat well with everyone. The Bushes are New England Republicans but they moved to Texas and were into oil. Anyone who does not consider the enormous influence of oil in American politics, the U.S. adventures in the Middle East, southwest and central Asia, ze won't understand U.S. involvement in Afghanistan, Iran, and Iraq. Bush did, and conservative northern money with southern-Democrat-turned-Republican populist votes lent their support. Dick Cheney and Halliburton oilfield services allegedly played marionette behind George II and helped advance the oil cause, justifying an invasion of Iraq that turned part of Baghdad into a little Houston.

I was in school in Kentucky and Texas late '60s and early '70s, lived in and related to Chicago '70s and early '80s, survived Vietnam, Nixon and Watergate. Poor WH intern Monica! I was ushered into blue-collar optimism that the U.S. votes contemporaneous to its informal but discernable public direction. A person of color (a quaint phrase) and a woman (feminist since 1920 liberation) vied to be next in line in the White House. It was a question of when and who will go first.

Obama's mother was Kansan, British more than the plains. President Obama was born and raised in Hawaii by grandparents while his biological father of Luo ethnic tribe of Kenya-Tanzania went about his own educational advancement. Obama, Illinois senator and a standout speaker at a previous Democratic Party convention, qualified both as a "black" Democrat, ripe for the gains of the '60s civil rights' movement.

Hillary Clinton was an aggressive female and, though more experienced than Obama, the office was more welcoming to an African-American than to an uppity woman. Besides, she had been a part of a conjugal White House, and the Clinton name was as much a liability than an asset.

Obama made the successful trip to the Oval Office against Mc-

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Cain and Palin and smart enough to get Hillary as Secretary of State. The Democratic Party rivalry was only skin-deep (pun intended) and conflicts were more with faithful followers than between the political protagonists. Hillary held her own at State, even after the Benghazi attack that resulted in the death of the U.S. ambassador to Libya. Obama got his second term against an overly confident Romney-Ryan team.

We are less than a year away from the November 2016 presidential election and it looks like we will get a female President. The Republicans are too disheveled with Trump trumpeting himself into arrogant machismo and Carson the Surgeon visiting right-wing enclaves, though a Trump-Carson team would make great entertainment. He-he!

A Hispanic will follow a woman so Rubio can count on smart quips to be remembered but needs to broaden his base so he is acceptable among Latinos and Asians, and also southern-Democratsturned-Republicans, along with the *hoi polloi* of Chicago, L.A., NYC, and Seattle. He'll have the U.S. southwest if he plays his cards right. Marco Rubio and John Kasich are seen as a formidable duo this election. (Ryan is poised on second base.) Ted Cruz and Chris Christie are dismissible.

Carly Fiorina does not hold much of a candle on the feminine vote, losing to Barbara Boxer in a California U.S. Senate election. Booted out of Hewlett-Packard in 2005, she associated with the McCain-Palin team, tainted since as a "loser."

Independent Bernie Sanders votes with the Democrats in Congress, offering ideological addition from the left to the platform but too advanced in age to be a VP candidate. He and Elizabeth Warren make credible partners but they are both from the northeast. Warren's vaunted street smarts is under radar but her voting record has integrity and gives preferential treatment to those of less means and power in American society.

That leaves Hillary Clinton. Two years younger than I, health against her, Bill as first husband will find the role-change awkward, but Hillary keeps her own counsel, neither swinging too far left nor too far right. Her choice of VP will be very telling. But we have a candidate of the middle.

Meet our next U.S. President.

Deterioration of living standards

here's a sweet rendition of *Our Father* playing in the background, an excellent tune as I quiz what's ahead preparing to rein in the holiday season. Sadly, we do so with tons of uncertainty running wildly through our minds. Yes, I know that villagers too are also singing it for some respite of hope in these bad times.

In the meantime, we go about our daily routines with troubling thoughts when would we be free of the destructive effects of economic stagnancy—where nothing works—for 14 long years. In economics, two quarters of a drop in revenue is called a recession. Four quarters is a depression. Ours is 14 long years of vicious economic depression!

I know the big boys are troubled meeting people they represent for their grand failure to improve the family lot. The central issue remains the obvious lack of leadership to do anything right. The bad times keeps getting worse!

Families struggle daily, dealing with health premiums, CHC deductibles of over \$1,000, real estate loans for the first family home, real estate and auto insurance, cost of goods heading into the heavens while family income remains the same for 14 long years. Nearby, you hear empty rhetoric and poorly thought out posturing about poverty. Do you lead or sit back and conjure more confused statements in half-cocked PR work?

The lack of a fully thought-out economic plan lends to an already despicable depressed conditions at home. It's a tale in itself that the "solutions driven" team either misses or ignores. Yet the team is worried sick if there's sufficient revenue for retirees' pension of \$30 million for this fiscal year and \$45 million for fiscal year 2017, \$86 million for PSS and CHC, \$100 million for land compensation, and at least \$62 million for CUC to buy fuel to fire up the power plant at Lower Base.

Moreover, would the projected revenue for this fiscal year of some \$145 million ever be realized? Oh, sorry, I forgot it's just a projection! Deduct 80 percent the balance of which would cover everything else. How much are we talking about? Isn't it \$20 plus million? It goes to show a huge budgetary shortfall, doesn't it?

And the list of obligations urgently waiting on the wings for funds increases by leaps and bounds. Why am I discussing these? Oh, sorry, I forgot about the future of our children and grandchildren whose fate are fatally at stake with bankruptcy taking its permanent seat! Keep your ears to the ground and listen intently to the voice of "we the people." Allowing the growth of negligence grounded on corruption isn't the answer either. It only breeds more poverty among the local populace!

Growing economic chaos

The deepening economic mess at home is the result of collective failure of nearly four decades. This mess started in 1977 when the Legislature repealed the foreign investment board, a law requiring a 51-49 local participation in any and all investments here.

This opened two floodgates: 1). The direct sophisticated foreign investment schemes moving in without local participation. 2). Elimination of local investments in new economic ventures.

The repeal of that law wiped out any decent local participation in investments. Partnerships founded before the repeal were eventually bought out. It started the slow death of a learning and investment process that has benefited our industrious folks at the outset.

The history of the repeal isn't for eventual exclusion of local participation but to spur revenue generation when the CNMI took over the reins of self-rule. The unintended consequence is the elimination of locals from any and all exogenous or foreign investments.

The unintended consequences didn't end with the elimination of local participation. It went further (even to date) of the elimination of locals in the tourism industry. The sophistication is such that investors used what's known as "vertical termination" or coupons to purchase everything at home before tourist head out to jet ways.

In other words, tourists bought even their meals and places to eat before leaving home. It resulted in another slam against the NMI where there's literally nothing to tax. It translates into far less revenues for local coffers. Locals who ventured into the restaurant business had to shut down for being effectively eliminated in the process. I think it's called tourism!

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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This is the reason why it behooves the elected elite to hunker down to finding relevant answers in terms of whether in fact the tourism industry is helpful to the local economy or is it mostly a perfect drain of resources and alienation of benefits to the indigenous people! I can't fathom the lingering effects or aftermath of the depressing conditions at home! How do you justify visitor arrival going up while revenues take nosedives?

Over the years, and a lot is our fault too, the industry hired foreigners because they were cheaper and better equipped in terms of education and business savvy. Locals have a lot of drawbacks, especially ones that dropped out of school. So it's a job displacement and negligence from within where we failed to encourage our people to engage in skills acquisition.

It came to a point where locals categorize certain jobs as strictly for foreigners while they kick back to collect food stamps, housing, Medicaid, and other entitlement programs to live happily ever after. Gee! Notice the pitiful attitudinal deficiency in terms of staying productive citizens? I find this very troubling. And now there's a federal mandate to eliminate CW workers by 2019. Halo? Everbody home?

I think a more realistic timeline needs formal discussion to resolve complete economic collapse up ahead. Economic chaos would deepen in the short- and long-term. A deadline looms closer after seven years of long yawns and sleepwalking. It's now the eleventh hour and you quiz how do we meet current and future development plans? Or is this a way the feds are saying that we take back what's ours?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thoughts on the 'War on Ice'

I'm glad many of your readers found my last letter to be insightful as many have commented and asked for more thoughts on my part to fight this in different battlegrounds. Having a long history with not only the use of "ice," I've seen the rampant growth at multiple facets and as such feel it is my duty to put focus on the errors of enforcement in dealing with the trafficking of this illicit drug. What I'm about to share requires law enforcement to re-evaluate its current approach and be open minded when it comes to changing strategies. I offer my constructive criticism as a means to actually make a difference and shift the balance of this war in our favor. I make such assertions only as my hypothesis and hope that it sheds light on why it seems policing efforts aren't working as expected. The problem lies in what enforcement calls their "snitches, cooperating sources, and informants."

While incarcerated I noticed quickly that there is no seriousness toward getting caught selling drugs. Those caught believe that all they have to do is "rat out" on someone else. They sit there calmly awaiting their respective (local or federal) handlers as they say "they are after the bigger fish." I feel this is where the problem lies. The endless pursuit of the "bigger fish" has caused us to forget that the little fish are multiplying faster than we can count. It's the little fish that are on our street corners selling to our kids. It's the little fish who are trying to make their quotas, exchanging stolen items so that they can "pick up their next load." Local and federal law enforcement have so many snitches they've lost count and they are now causing our epidemic.

There are serious problems with using such tactics in law enforcement. The following are the foreseen problems with such an approach:

- 1. By promising reduced sentences or "get out of jail cards," you are soliciting information that can be flat out lies. I refer to the current Benavente and Igisomar perjury cases as examples of using jailhouse snitches.
- 2. There are existing laws both federal and local that prohibit the promising of reduced sentences to detainees in exchange for possible testimony. I can think of over a dozen inmates that flat out brag about their deals. This means that our legal system is severely flawed.
- 3. As your snitch or informant is known in the community, your use of such an individual is no longer needed thus adding to the number of non-rehabilitated felons walking about in our community. Are you not aware that by doing such you are basically putting a bull's eye on the backs of such people as well as their families? We must look at the morality behind our actions and this does not exempt law enforcement.

4. The civil liability that can arise for sending innocent individuals to prison based on faulty testimony of snitches only creates further financial burden on our public coffers. I offer a book titled *The Innocent Man* written by John Grisham as a further read for those who want to see how this poses major risks to us as a community as we do not want to lock up innocent people.

In the field of education we are so obsessed with measuring things. We come up with things like standards and benchmarks. We do so to find out if we are really hitting our established goals. We are goal oriented and how we measure our successes are through phrases like, "We will reduce the number of drugs available in our community by December 2016." How do we measure our successes, you might wonder? As with any business, they follow the simple principles of scarcity. What this means is that established prices are dictated by the laws of supply and demand. In this case the next phrase would come up with a jingle like "...as evidenced by the spike in street priced ice from \$160 per gram to \$700 per gram."

In recent news, there was a major seizure of ice found entering the CNMI in the quantity of approximately 12 kilograms, as I understand it. This equates to about 24 lbs. Such a bust should immediately reflect on the street value of the drug in question. As I understand it, we were too busy celebrating the bust and not looking out for the signs that would indicate the impact of such a seizure. Has it occurred to anyone that maybe it was a gimme? Let you celebrate your accomplishment while the real shipment continues on its regular schedule. What I'm saying in a nutshell is that it might be a diversionary tactic. In order to really know, you should see a spike in prices of the product on the street. In this case, as I understand it, business went on as usual, being as cheap to acquire as ever.

I am reluctant to print the following sentence as I do not feel it appropriate to point a finger at any particular people, so I offer my apologies if anyone is offended but it is an actual statement made by others. I keep hearing the phrase while in prison, "They want the Chinese guys making it or bringing it in." The problem with such an approach is that you keep sending out of prison the various snitches, expecting them to lead you to the mother lode. Why not be dynamic in your approach and draw them out? These people rely on your snitches as they are *expendable*. You take away their street level thugs (your snitches) and you force the wholesalers to become retailers, which I know for a fact they would not want as that would expose them to the elements. Your frontal assault has gotten you nowhere close to finding the source of the drugs, while the problem in the CNMI has grown from a simple fire to a blaze. The only way you can see whether things are working is to see that

anticipated spike in the price of ice on CNMI streets. The reduction in the number of CW's on island and active deportation of those foreigners caught would eventually heighten the fear in participating in illegal activity, thus giving us back manageable control of drugs on our shores. In a nutshell, we currently have laws that differentiate between possession and distribution. All we need to do is prosecute them expeditiously and not give a favor for a favor as it currently isn't working for us!

I mean no offense to the tireless work being put in by our men in blue. As in many cases, orders do come from above. Our enforcement resonates just like military command, thus it may be difficult to effectuate changes from within. I don't wear the badge, so point your finger at me if you like as it doesn't matter to me as long as we take back our islands. If you would like further insight on this matter, please email me at cnmihydro@gmail.com. I look forward to assisting you in developing a workable strategy of combating ice on our island.

Ross Manglona

As Lito, Saipan

'Farewell, Arnold'

We may not be members of the Royals, playing up in a dinky little hotel room. We have not even been offered a contract to play with Bob Hope, a famous American comedian, much less be offered to play in the orchestra of Les Brown. One thing is for certain, though. We are not and never will be "wannabes." We are, as someone else would put it, "factory workers," making musical adaptations from other artists' works. Nah!

We honor a fallen hero of the local music industry of the CNMI, Mr. Arnold Kaipat, who recently passed away Friday, Nov. 6, 2015. With music reaching around the world, even to the far corners of North America, where Bob Hope and Les Brown were born, raised, and laid to rest, he will be remembered as one of those "hard workers" of music adaptation. His song *Dinalyn* and *Sasalaguan Street* will always be remembered in the hearts of his fans. Yes, Arnold, we will miss you forever, my friend, brother, and fellow dialysis patient of St. Jude Renal Care Facility. You will be forever remembered in the hearts of us all.

Enfin Serafin,

Alexandro 'Colonel' Sablan

Dandan, Saipan

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian



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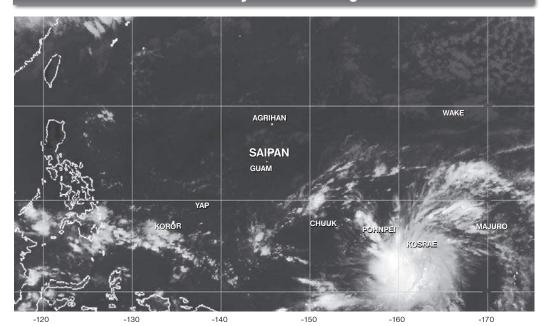
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Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2015

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Disturbance 95W is now Tropical Depression 27W. For more information on this depression, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW. A special weather statement issued by National Weather Service Guam is found under WMO header WWPQ80 PGUM and AWIPS header GUMSPSPQ. Tropical Depression 27W is centered roughly 60 miles south of Kosrae near 4N163E. Kosrae is located at the fringe of a field of dense mid and high clouds just a tad further south. One will find numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms. The mass of clouds covers the area between 06N and 02S between 166E and 158E. Pohnpei is currently sitting under partly cloudy skies with isolated showers and thunderstorms around its surrounding waters. This will change with worsening weather as the day progresses. elsewhere. Widely scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are present north of the disturbance between 7N and 13N from 170E to 163E. There is another clump of scattered showers and a few thunderstorms further east toward the dateline roughly in the area from 14N173E to 9N180E to 5N176E to 14N173E. Satellite imagery shows a 160 miles wide band of widely scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms with the following mid points 14N159E 9N150E 5N142E. Chuuk lies just outside this area. Koror is under more sun today as an area of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms has edge south and west of island from 24 hours ago. The near equatorial trough extends southwestward from the Tropical Depression 27W to 02N150E to 1N141E to 1N130E

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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Manila	Sunny	▲ 92	₹75
Melbourne	Sunny	▲ 85	▼ 66
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 82	▼ 75
New York	Sunny	▲ 53	₹46
Osaka	Rain	▲ 68	▼57
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲ 59	₹56
Pusan	Showers	▲ 62	₩49
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲ 67	₹53
Salem	Rain	▲ 58	₩ 41
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 64	₹51
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Tokyo	Rain	▲ 67	₹55
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Business

Here we go again: Paris attacks may renew encryption debate

Marriott becomes world's largest hotelier, buying Starwood chain

NEW YORK (AP)—Hotel behemoth Marriott International is becoming even larger, taking over rival chain Starwood in a \$12.2 billion deal that will catapult it to become the world's largest hotelier by a wide margin.

The stock-and-cash deal, if completed, will add 50 percent more rooms to Marriott's portfolio and give it more unique, design-focused hotels that appeal to younger travelers.

The acquisition is likely to start another round of hotel mergers.

"This causes everybody in the business to look around and say: we don't want to be the smallest," said Bjorn Hanson, a professor at the Tisch Center for Hospitality, Tourism and Sports Management at New York University.

The latest deal would leave Marriott with 5,500 properties and more than 1.1 million rooms around the world, uniting Starwood's brands, which include Sheraton, Westin, W and St. Regis, with Marriott's two dozen brands including Marriott's Courtyard, Ritz-Carlton and Fairfield Inn.

The transaction is expected to close in the middle of 2016.

The next-largest hotel company is Hilton Worldwide with 4,500 properties and about 735,000 rooms.

"To be successful in today's marketplace, a wide distribution of brands and hotels across price points is critical," Starwood CEO Adam Aron said on a call with Wall Street analysts.

NEW YORK (AP)—The deadly attacks in Paris may soon reopen the debate over whether-and how-tech companies should let governments bypass the data scrambling that shields everyday commerce and daily digital life.

So far, there's no hard evidence that the Paris extremists relied on encrypted communications—essentially, encoded digital messages that can't be read without the proper digital "keys"-to plan the shooting and bombing attacks that left 129 dead on Friday. But it wouldn't be much of a surprise if they did.

So-called end-to-end encryption technology is now widely used in many standard message systems, including Apple's iMessage and Facebook's WhatsApp. Similar technology also shields the contents of smartphones running the latest versions of Apple and Google operating software. Strong encryption is used to protect everything from corporate secrets to the credit-card numbers of online shoppers to intimate photos and secrets shared by lovers.

That widespread use of encryption, which was previously restricted to more powerful desktop or server computers, is exactly what worries members of the intelligence and law enforcement communities. Some

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In this June 2, 2014, file photo, Apple CEO Tim Cook speaks at an event in San Francisco.

are now using the occasion of the Paris attacks to once again argue for restrictions on the technology, saying it hampers their ability to track and disrupt plots like the Paris attacks.

"I now think we're going to have another public debate about encryption, and whether government should have the keys, and I think the result may be different this time as a result of what's happened in Paris," former CIA deputy director Michael Morell said Monday on CBS This Morning.

The last such debate followed 2013 disclosures of government surveillance by former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden. Since then, tech companies seeking to reassure their users and protect their profits have adopted more sophisticated encryption techniques despite government opposition. Documents leaked by Snowden also shed light on NSA efforts to break encryption technologies.

In response, law-enforcement and intelligence officials have argued that companies like Apple and Google should build "backdoors" into their encryption systems that would allow investigators into otherwise locked-up devices. The Obama administration continues to encourage tech companies to include such backdoors, although it says it won't ask Congress for new law that requires them.

"The Snowden revelation showed that backdoors can be interests of national security.

destructive, particularly when they're done in secrecy without transparency," says Will Ackerly, a former NSA security researcher and the co-founder of Virtru, which provides encryption technology for both companies and individual people.

On Monday, Attorney General Loretta Lynch said the government continues to have "ongoing discussions" with industry about ways in which companies can lawfully provide information about their users while still ensuring their privacy.

Last week in Dublin, Apple CEO Tim Cook noted that "there's no such thing as a backdoor for the good guys only. If there's a backdoor, anybody can come in." In other words, any shortcut for investigators could also be targeted by cybercriminals eager to hack major corporations—a la the devastating cyberattack on Sony late last year—or to target individuals for identity theft or extortion, as reportedly occurred following the disclosure of records from the infidelity dating site Ashley Madison.

In the same speech, Cook said Apple will resist attempts to weaken encryption in iMessage. A draft law recently introduced in Britain would require telecommunications companies to provide "wider assistance" to police and intelligence agencies in the

BUSINESS BRIEFS

FAA tells drone owners to skip registration

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government says requirements to register drones will be simple enough that owners don't need to pay a "drone registration" firm to do it for them.

Some websites are advertising that they will register a drone for a \$25 fee. The Federal Aviation Administration plans to require that most owners register their drones so that they can be identified if they crash or are caught flying someplace they shouldn't be. A government task force that includes drone and aviation industry representatives is expected to release plans later this week on how people can register their drones. The FAA said in a statement on Monday that drone owners should "think twice" before using a registration firm since the process will be no more difficult than registering any other product.

Google antsy as California slow on selfdriving car rules

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. (AP)—Hustling to bring cars that drive themselves to a road near you, Google finds itself somewhere that has frustrated many before: Waiting on the Department of Motor Vehicles. The tech titan wants the freedom to give the public access to self-driving prototypes it has been testing on public roads

since the summer. Before granting that permission, California regulators want Google to prove these cars of the future already drive as safely as people. The Department of Motor Vehicles was supposed to write precedent-setting rules of the road by last Jan. 1. Nearly a year later, it is still struggling. After all, the agency is geared to administering driving tests and registering cars, not settling complicated questions the technology raises.

Fish rescued from river contaminated in Brazil dam bursts

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)-Teams of biologists were working on Monday to rescue fish from a river that was contaminated after two dams at an iron ore mine breached earlier this month, unleashing a deadly wave of mud. Mining company Samarco said in a statement that it was providing logistical support to the so-called "Operation Noah's Ark" effort aimed at saving aquatic life from the now-turbid waters of the Doce River. Experts have warned that the ecological harm caused by the Nov. 5 breaches could last a generation. The company, coowned by mining giants Vale of Brazil and BHP Billiton of Australia, said in the Monday statement that it has provide six 1,000-liter tanks to house the fish removed from Doce River, as well as two trucks to transport them to area lakes.

sign. For a photo of the design **CHICAGO**— United Airlines will unveil new United Club concept, visit http://newsroom. lounges in both Atlanta and San united.com/Club concept.

Atlanta

The nearly 5,000-square-foot Atlanta United Club opens today. The club features stunning panoramic views of the airport as well as seating for more than 100 people, giving travelers a comfortable and

convenient airport getaway where they can unwind

features vintage aviation artwork throughout the club, and on complimentary fresh-food choices, including yogurt and fresh fruit; muffins in rotating flavors of cinnamon and blueberry; sliced red bell peppers with hummus; rotating sea-

between gates 11 and 12 at Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport's Concourse T, on the mezzanine level.

San Francisco

United opens new clubs as part of \$100M investment to transform lounge experience

United

At just over 6,000 square feet, the newest United Club at San Francisco International Airport will first welcome travelers on Nov. 18. The club will offer a bird's-eye view of airport opera-

tions and a gallery of photos of United's history. Comfortable seating

130 people who will be able to enjoy a complimentary menu Over the next three years, visiting customers may dine with seasonal choices, such as fresh zucchini, yellow squash and cherry tomatoes; hearty butternut squash soup; dressed spinach salad; and a variety of fresh meats and cheeses.

> The club is located in the newly renovated Terminal 3 East Concourse, scheduled to open the same day, and will

operate in addition to United Club locations in Terminal 3's Concourse F and in the airport's International Terminal G.

Like remodeled United Club locations in Atlanta, Chicago, San Diego, Seattle, Boston and London, the new San Francisco location will offer additional work stations and abundant power outlets for customers to work with greater ease and comfort. Members may also enjoy complimentary beverages and Wi-Fi, as well as premium wines and spirits.

United Club Investment

United plans to renovate and update United Club locations throughout its network. Starting in 2016, the airline will begin extensive renovations at locations including New York/ Newark, Chicago O'Hare, Los Angeles, Fort Lauderdale, Dallas-Fort Worth and Guam. (United Airlines)

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US refugee quandary: Immigrant legacy vs 9/11-era fears

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Paris attacks are rapidly weakening U.S. support for bringing in thousands more Syrian refugees, as pressure grows in Congress and the Republican presidential campaign to reverse course and governors once open to resettlement try to shut their states' doors.

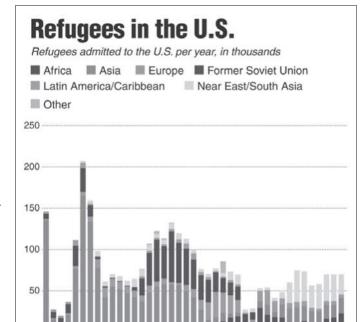
President Barack Obama held firm to current plans Monday, appealing to Americans to "not close our hearts" to Syria's victims of war and terrorism and denouncing calls from Republican candidates to favor Syrian Christians over Muslims in the refugee influx. His remarks, at a summit of world leaders in Turkey, seemed aimed at heading off a wave of anti-Muslim sentiment reminiscent of the 9/11 era, as much as keeping open the pathway for refugees.

America's vision of itself as a welcoming destination for the displaced was colliding with its recent memories of devastation caused by terrorists, all part of a

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Paris attacks are rapidly weakening U.S. support for bringing in thousands more Syrian refugees, as pressure grows in Con-

On Monday:

- Texas Gov. Greg Abbott ordered his state's refugee resettlement program not to accept any more Syrians, and some other Republican governors - including two GOP presidential contenders, John Kasich of Ohio and Bobby Jindal of Louisiana - announced or suggested they were suspending cooperation with Washington on the program, at least until assured the newcomers were being vetted effectively for security risks. New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey, also a presidential candidate, said not even "orphans under 5" should be let in because the government can't be trusted to check people properly.
- Republican lawmakers called for suspension of the federal Syrian refugee program and



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threatened to try to stop it in legislation that must pass by Dec. 11 to keep the government running. New House Speaker Paul Ryan neither endorsed nor ruled

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Source: State Department

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- Other Republican presidential candidates, already skeptical if not hostile to the refugee-welcoming plan before the

Graphic: Tribune News Service

attacks, stepped up their rhetoric against it. Donald Trump said that, rather than allowing refugees into the country, the U.S. should build "a big, beautiful safe zone" in Syria where refugees can wait out their brutal civil war. He'd been among the first to warn that the refugee crisis could represent a "Trojan horse" with terrorists infiltrating the ranks of innocent refugees.

- Calls by GOP rivals Ted Cruz and Jeb Bush to give preference to Christian refugees from Syria prompted a sharp rebuke from Obama. "Shameful," he said. "We don't have a religious test for our compassion."
- Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders expressed support for Obama's position. "We will not turn our back on refugees," the Vermont senator said at a campaign event in Cleveland.

At the heart of the debate is the Obama administration's decision to raise the nation's annual limit of 70,000 refugees by 10,000, with most of the new slots for Syrians, in the budget year that started Oct. 1.

That potential Syrian influx pales in comparison with the masses coming to Europe and those being accepted elsewhere. Canada, with just more than one-tenth of the U.S. population, plans to take in 25,000 Syrians in the next few months.

But indications that at least one of the attackers who killed 129 people in Paris may have crossed into France with refugees have given critics of Obama's plan a footing to demand a cutoff.

"Until we can sort out the bad guys, we must not be foolish," Republican presidential contender Ben Carson said after a Nevada campaign swing Monday. And he said of Syrians already in the U.S., "I would watch them very carefully."

Transplant gives new face, scalp to burned firefighter

NEW YORK (AP)—A volunteer firefighter badly burned in a 2001 blaze has received the most extensive face transplant ever, covering his skull and much of his neck, a New York hospital announced Monday.

The surgery took place in August at the NYU Langone Medical Center. The patient, 41-year-old Patrick Hardison, is still undergoing physical therapy at the hospital but plans to return home to Senatobia, Mississippi, in time for Thanksgiving.

The surgery has paved the way for him to regain normal vision, and in an interview last week he said that will let him accomplish a major goal: "I'll start driving again."

More than two dozen face transplants have been performed worldwide since the first one in France in 2005. Dr. Eduardo Rodriguez, who



This combination of photos provided by the New York University Langone Medical Center shows Patrick Hardison before and after his facial transplant surgery in New York.

led the surgical team that did Hardison's transplant and recently wrote a review of the field, said Hardison's is by far the most extensive performed successfully in terms of the

amount of tissue transferred.

The transplant extends from the top of the head, over Hardison's skull and down to the collarbones in front; in back, it reaches far enough down that only a tiny patch of Hardison's original hair remains—its color matched by the dark blond hair growing on his new scalp. The transplant includes both ears.

It's "a historic achievement," said Dr. Amir Dorafshar, co-director of the face transplant program at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, who was not involved in the operation. "This type of treatment option will potentially revolutionize the care of patients with severe facial burn injuries."

The surgery began Aug. 14 and lasted 26 hours. It left no scars on Hardison's new face because the seam of the transplanted tissue runs down the back of his skull.

The donor was 26-year-old New York artist and competitive bicyclist David P. Rodebaugh. He had died of injuries from a biking accident on a Brooklyn street.

ACROSS THE NATION

Oregon serial killer sentenced to death in 4th penalty trial PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—

A jury on Monday sentenced one of Oregon's most prolific serial killers to death for the fourth time, an ultimately symbolic decision in a state that has not executed anyone in nearly 20 years. Dayton Leroy Rogers, 62, who killed eight women in the 1980s, had previously been sentenced to death three times for his crimes, and each time the penalty was overturned on legal grounds. The jury's new verdict comes despite a moratorium on executions imposed by the past two governors. Rogers apologized in court Friday. He told jurors the word "sorry" was inadequate, but he was sorry for taking "eight precious lives." Prosecutors said Rogers, a former lawnmower repairman, drove to Portland to solicit prostitutes, plied them with alcohol and took them to remote locations where he tied them up and tortured them. He was dubbed the Molalla Forest Killer because the bodies were discovered in a forest in the small town of Molalla.

Defense admits teen killed his teacher, cites mental illness

SALEM, Mass. (AP)—A teenager killed his math teacher and did "unspeakable things" to her body, but he was driven by severe mental illness, his defense attorney told jurors at his murder trial Monday. Philip Chism, 16, is charged with murder, rape and robbery in the October 2013 slaying of Colleen Ritzer. The

body of the 24-year-old Danvers High School teacher was found near the school. She had been raped twice and her throat had been slit. Chism, who was 14 at the time, has pleaded not guilty and is being tried as an adult in Salem. Chism, who had moved to Massachusetts from Clarksville, Tennessee, shortly before starting high school, should not be held criminally responsible, his attorney, Denise Regan, told the jury. The teenager was "severely mentally ill" and had suffered from a psychotic disorder since the age of 10, she said.

Crews end search of sunken ship without finding black box

Federal investigators said Monday that they are ending their search for the voyage data recorder of a cargo ship that sank in the Atlantic during a hurricane, but remained hopeful that they could determine what happened to the ship without it. "Over the years we've completed many investigations without the aid of recorders and other investigative tools," National Transportation Safety Board Chairman Christopher Hart said in a statement. Hart said investigators are disappointed the El Faro's "black box" was not found, but hopeful they can still find enough evidence to determine a probable cause of its sinking. The 790-foot freighter sank on Oct. 1 after it lost engine power and was disabled in the path of a Category 4 hurricane. The ship, with 33 crew members on board, was on its way from Jacksonville to Puerto Rico. No survivors were found. (AP)

Minneapolis mayor seeks federal investigation into shooting

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)— The mayor of Minneapolis on Monday asked for a federal civil rights investigation into the weekend shooting of a black

man by a police officer during

an apparent struggle.

Mayor Betsy Hodges said she wrote to the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice and to the U.S. attorney for Minnesota seeking the investigation in the "interest of transparency and community confidence." The state's Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is already conducting a criminal investigation, but Hodges said the city needs "all the tools we have available to us."

Authorities have released few details about the shooting, which has angered some community members after witnesses said the man was hand-cuffed when he was shot. Police said their initial information showed the man, a suspect in an assault, was not handcuffed. He was taken to a hospital after the shooting, and his family says he is on life support.

The incident sparked protests Sunday and an overnight encampment at the north Minneapolis police precinct near the site of the shooting. Community members and activists called for a federal investigation, as well as for authorities to release video of the incident and the officer's identity.

Protests continued Monday, with a few hundred people gathering at an evening rally outside the same precinct, beating a drum and chanting for justice. At least eight tents were set up outside, and a handful of protesters were sitting behind glass doors in the foyer, including one who was knitting.

"We're still not moving until we get that footage," said Michael McDowell, a member of Black Lives Matter.

Later, hundreds of demonstra-

tors blocked Interstate 94, shutting down the northbound lanes.

Two officers are on paid leave, standard practice after such an incident. Police Chief Janee Harteau said the officers were not wearing body cameras, but declined to say whether squad car or surveillance video was available, citing the ongoing investigation.

Nekima Levy-Pounds, president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, called the civil rights request a step in the right direction, "given that we do not trust Minnesota law enforcement officials to hold themselves accountable."

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Asia

APEC summit tests security in volatile Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP)— Providing security for the leaders of Asia-Pacific nations including the United States and China is a huge undertaking for any country. For the Philippines, which is hosting this year's APEC summit, the challenges are even bigger and are under renewed scrutiny following the Paris attacks.

The developing Southeast Asian nation has assembled more than 30,000 military, police and civilian personnel in its largest security operation in years for the meeting in its capital, Manila. Leaders of the 21 countries and territories that make up the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum began arriving Monday.

MANILA, Philippines (AP)-Leaders gathering for a regional summit in the Philippines plan to condemn the Paris attacks, according to a draft of their declaration seen Tuesday by The Associated Press.

The 21-member Asia Pacific **Economic Cooperation forum** that includes the United States and China says in the draft statement that the attacks "demand a united voice from the global community."

"We stand in solidarity with the people of France and all victims of terrorism elsewhere," it says.

Friday's attacks in Paris by suspected Islamic State group extremists killed 129 people and wounded 350 others. The victims came from at least 19 nations, according to French



President Francois Hollande.

The APEC meeting, which focuses on trade and economic issues, is being overshadowed by the Paris attacks and China's disputes in the South China Sea with its Asian neighbors.

But there was no mention in the draft communique of China's territorial spats with the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Taiwan and Brunei, which all APEC members.

The summit ends Thursday.

The extensive preparations

military is one of the most poor-

ly funded in Asia and its south is a cradle of insecurity known for banditry and Islamic militants. Marxist insurgents are still active in parts of the country.

National police chief Ricardo Marquez said security forces have prepared for all possible threats, including terrorism, typhoons, fires, earthquakes and

Obama arrives in Asia with eyes on Middle East

Police officers sit behind rows of riot gear outside of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) venue in Manila, Philippines, Monday, Nov. 16, 2015.

food poisoning. In metropolitan Manila, licenses for civilians to carry guns are suspended for the summit week. Rallies will not be allowed without a permit or near APEC venues.

"Everything is considered: security, public order, emergency preparedness," he said.

Some of the anxiety about security might be misplaced. A high-profile visit in January by Pope Francis, who drew millions of devotees in the Roman Catholic bastion, went by without major incident. The government says no stone will be left unturned to ensure the safety of the 7,000 officials and other participants during the APEC meetings, which wrap up Friday.

Security measures have intensified since the attacks in Paris last Friday that killed at least 129 people, in the deadliest violence to strike France since World War II.

SIDEBAR

MANILA, Philippines (AP)— President Barack Obama landed in Southeast Asia Tuesday for string of summits with Asian leaders, a visit he had hoped would highlight progress in his seven-year charm offensive in the region—but was instead overshadowed by the fight against Islamic terrorism in the

reflect a variety of perceived

threats but also are meant to ad-

dress concerns the Philippines

might not be up to the task. Its

The attacks in Paris and talk

trade deal and military cooperation in Asia, the rest of the world was looking for leadership on the Islamic State's relentless terror spree.

It was hardly the first time the Middle East has kept Obama from making the pivot his administration once imagined would be central to his foreign policy legacy. Instead of ending under Obama's watch, old conflicts in the Middle East have morphed into new, equally intense ones. Instead of gradually moving to center stage, Obama's agenda in Asia has had to compete for time

The White House was determined this week to show it would keep a steady focus despite the tragedy that consumed European allies. Obama left Washington as scheduled just hours after the night of violence in Paris left 129 people dead and hundreds more injured. He has not changed his plans for the nine-day trip that began Sunday at the Group of 20 summit in Antalya, Turkey.

Still, at a press conference before he departed for Manila, Obama was asked only about his strategy for countering Islamic terrorism.

"This is another variation on the same question," he said, exasperated by the repetition. "Let me try it one last time."

At back-to-back summits in Manila and Kuala Lumpur, Obama was expected to highlight recent evidence of longsought progress in Asia.

Recent elections in Myanmar, where activist Aung San Suu Kyi's opposition party won overwhelming victory, were a boost for Obama's foreign policy team, which has been deeply involved in guiding the shift away from military control.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Tokyo sues Okinawa in US base relocation dispute

TOKYO (AP)—The Japanese government took the local government in Okinawa to court Tuesday, launching a legal battle in their longstanding dispute over the planned relocation of a U.S. military air base on the southern island. A lawsuit filed in a regional high court in Okinawa seeks an injunction to overturn Okinawa Gov. Takeshi Onaga's recent decision to cancel a previously issued approval for land reclamation work for the base relocation. The long-stalled plan would move the U.S. Marine Air Station Futenma to a less-populated part of Okinawa, but many residents want the base moved out of the prefecture entirely. They feel Okinawa bears an unfair burden of the U.S. military presence in Japan. The prefecture houses more than half of the 50,000 American troops stationed in Japan and U.S. bases occupy nearly a fifth of the land on its main island.

Indonesia opens trials of 6 accused of enslaving fishermen

TUAL, Indonesia (AP)—An Indonesian court opened the trials Monday of five Thais and an Indonesian charged with human trafficking connected with slavery in the seafood industry. The suspects were arrested in the remote island village of Benjina in May after the slavery was revealed by The Associated Press in a report two months earlier. The defendants were being tried separately by a three-judge panel led by Edy Toto Purba, at the District Courtin Tual, a municipality in southeastern Maluku province, about 2,900 kilometers (1,800 miles) east of the capital, Jakarta. The six whose trials began Monday are Indonesian Muklis Ohoitenan, Thai captain Youngyut Nitiwongchaeron, 53, and four countrymen— Boonsom Jaika, Surachai Maneephong, Hatsaphon Phaetjakreng and Somchit Korraneesuk.

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of reprisals against the Islamic State group threatened to cloud Obama's good-news tour to the Philippines and Malaysia this week. While Obama was ready to talk up his freshly inked

Vast forest fires in Indonesia spawn ecological disaster

KAMPAR, Indonesia (AP)— forests and other land burned, 1997, when blazes spread across the air pollution index rose to oranges, guavas and durians, thanks to deliberately set forest fires that burned a chunk of Indonesia the size of New Jersey.

The fires have finally died down with the arrival of monsoon rains, but too late for his crops, which are far too measly to sell.

"We had not seen the sun in a two-and-a-half months," said Rusli, 34, from Riau province, in eastern Sumatra, among the six hardest-hit provinces. "How can we harvest the fruit?"

The ecological disaster has inflicted a staggering toll on the region's environment, economy and human health: 2.1 million hectares (8,063 square miles) of

For farmer Achmad Rusli, it 21 deaths, more than half a mil-nearly 10 million hectares. weeks without sunlight for his ratory problems and \$9 billion in economic losses, from damaged crops to hundreds of cancelled flights.

Palm oil and paper pulp companies illegally set fire to forests to clear land to plant more trees in the cheapest and fastest way possible. Authorities are investigating more than 300 plantation companies and 83 suspects have been arrested, according to national police chief Gen. Badrodin Haiti. The licenses of three plantation companies have been revoked and those of 11 others have been suspended.

The fires have been an annual problem since the mid-1990s, but this was the worst year since

was a season of smoke: Ten lion people sickened with respi-Purnomo, a scientist at Center grown increasingly critical, for International Forestry Research, said it costs just \$7 to clear a hectare of land by burning, compared to \$150 to do so with tractors. Indonesian law bans clearing land by burning, except by small-scale farmers who are allowed up to 2 hectares.

All told, nearly 50,000 fires were detected since July, according to satellite data, with most on the islands of Sumatra and Borneo. An absence of rain from the El Nino effect made them worse.

The thick haze forced schools to close in neighboring Singapore and Malaysia, and for the first time it reached communities in southern Thailand, where

record levels of unhealthiness.

Indonesia's neighbors have though many of the palm-oil companies operating in the country are Singaporean- and Malaysian-owned. And Indonesians endured the worst of the effects.

Syarif, a 46-year-old who like many Indonesians uses a single name, failed to harvest any of his chili peppers and tomatoes, which withered and shriveled on the vine.

"I lost everything... drought and smog has ruined our vegetables," Syarif said. "I have to start again from scratch."

Visibility fell below 50 meters (yards) in some areas, forcing 13 airports around the country to close.

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France IDs top Paris attacks figure, seeks unity to bomb IS

PARIS (AP)—France identified a 27-year-old Belgian who once boasted about killing "infidels" and fought for the Islamic State group in Syria as the mastermind of the Paris attacks, and President Francois Hollande vowed Monday to forge a united coalition capable of defeating the jihadists at home and abroad.

Addressing lawmakers after France observed a minute of silence honoring the 129 people killed and 350 wounded, Hollande said the victims came from at least 19 nations, and the international community, led by the United States and Russia, must overcome their deep-seated divisions over Syria to destroy Islamic State on its home turf.

"Friday's acts of war were decided and planned in Syria. They were organized in Belgium and perpetrated on our soil with French complicity with one specific goal: to sow fear and to divide us," Hollande told Parliament in a rare joint session convened at the Palace of Versailles.

"Syria has become the biggest factory of terrorism the world has ever known and the international community is still too divided and too incoherent."

As he spoke, thousands gathered around candlelit memorials at the Place de la Republique square and beneath the Eiffel Tower, which like many top attractions in one of the world's most-visited cities reopened for business Monday in a defiant spirit. The tower was bathed in red, white and blue floodlights of the French tricolor, with the



The Eiffel Tower is illuminated in the French national colors red, white and blue in honor of the victims of the terror attacks last Friday in Paris, Monday, Nov. 16, 2015.

city's centuries-old slogan— "Tossed but not sunk," suggesting an unsinkable city braving stormy seas—projected in white lights near its base.

French and other Western

intelligence agencies face an urgent challenge to track down the surviving members of the three

SIDEBAR

As world mourns Paris, many in Mideast see double-standard

BAGHDAD (AP)—Within hours of last week's Paris attacks, as outrage and sympathy flooded his social media feeds and filled the airwaves, Baghdad resident Ali al-Makhzomy updated his Facebook cover photo to read "solidarity"and his friends were shocked.

"Everyone was like why are you posting about Paris and not about the attacks in Baghdad every day," the recent law school graduate said. "A lot of my friends said, 'OK, so you care more about them than you care about us?"

He had unintentionally tapped into frustration in Iraq, Lebanon and Syria with what many see as a double-standard: The world unites in outrage and sympathy when the Islamic State group kills Westerners, but pays little attention to the near-daily atrocities it carries out in the Middle East.

The day before the Paris attacks, twin suicide bombers

struck a southern Beirut suburb, killing at least 43 people, and on Friday a suicide bomber struck a funeral in Iraq, killing at least 21. Both attacks were claimed by the IS group and reported by major media outlets, but generated little interest outside the region, where the turmoil of recent years has made such events seem like a to check in and say they were sadly regular occurrence

Baghdad has seen near-daily attacks in recent years, mainly targeting the security forces and the country's Shiite majority. Bombings killed an average of more than 90 civilians a month last year, according to Iraq Body Count, a U.K.-based group that documents civilian deaths in Iraq.

The civil war in neighboring Syria has killed 250,000 people since 2011. There, government warplanes regularly carry out raids using so-called barrel bombs that demolish entire apartment blocks and insurgent groups shell government-held

neighborhoods.

Lebanon, however, had been relatively calm for the past year, leading many to feel that last week's tragedy was unfairly neglected. Many were angered by Facebook's deployment of a new feature in the wake of the Paris attacks that allowed users safe. The feature was not available for the Beirut attacks.

"'We' don't get a safe button on Facebook," Lebanese blogger Joey Ayoub wrote. "'We' don't get late night statements from the most powerful men and women alive and millions of online users."

Facebook released a statement saying it had previously only used the Safety Check feature after natural disasters and said it would be used for "other serious and tragic incidents in the future.'

But it added that "during an ongoing crisis, like war or epidemic, Safety Check in its

current form is not that useful for people: because there isn't a clear start or end point and, unfortunately, it's impossible to know when someone is truly 'safe."

Al-Makhzomy said the feature wouldn't be quite as useful in Iraq.

"In Baghdad it's not just like one attack," he said. "You would need to have a date on the safety check, like I'm safe from this one or that one. ... There are too many for just 'I'm Safe.'

In the U.S., social media shaming also played out on Facebook, Twitter and other channels in the aftermath of Paris over the use of a tool that shades profile photos to resemble the French flag. Other social media users object to a sea of vacation selfies at the Eiffel Tower being posted as a show of solidarity and an expression of "slacktivism," rather than true social justice commitment.

the unprecedented bloodshed in France and, perhaps more importantly, to target their distant commanders in IS-controlled parts of Syria.

A French security official said anti-terror intelligence officials had identified Abdelhamid Abaaoud, a Belgian of Moroccan descent, as chief architect of the Friday the 13th attacks on a rock concert, a soccer game and popular nightspots in one of Paris' trendiest districts.

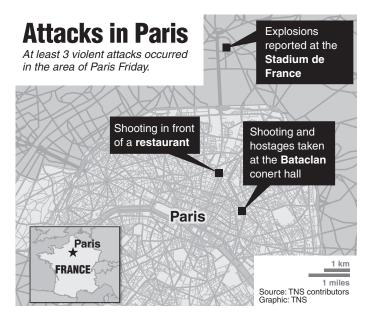
The official cited chatter from IS figures that Abaaoud had recommended a concert as an ideal target for inflicting maximum casualties, as well as electronic communications between Abaaoud and one of the Paris

Islamic State units who inflicted attackers who blew himself up.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the sensitive investigation.

Abaaoud came to public attention last year by boasting in an IS propaganda video about his pride in piling the dead bodies of "infidel" enemies into a trailer. Anti-terror agencies previously linked him to a series of abortive shooting plots this year in Belgium and France, including a planned attack on a passenger train that was thwarted by American passengers who overpowered the lone gunman.

French police have used emergency powers to conduct 168 searches since Sunday night that netted 127 arrests and 31 weapons.



Palestinian official: Gaza border agreement reached with Egypt

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP)—A senior Palestinian official on Monday said the Palestinian Authority has reached an agreement with Egypt to reopen the Gaza Strip's main border crossing in an arrangement meant to bypass the territory's Hamas rulers.

Azzam al-Ahmad, an aide to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, said the deal was reached recently in Cairo. He said it aims to open the Rafah crossing "to the maximum possible" to allow the movement of students, laborers, medical patients and even commercial goods.

Such a deal could bring great relief to Gaza, whose borders are largely sealed by an Israeli and Egyptian blockade. It could also mark a setback for Hamas, which seized control of Gaza from Abbas in 2007. However, a top Hamas official gave the plan a cool reception, raising questions about its viability.

The Rafah crossing is Gaza's main gateway to the outside world. Few Gazans are permitted to travel through the Israeli border to the north, though Israeli crossings are used to transfer cargo into Gaza.

Egypt has kept the Rafah crossing virtually sealed since the 2013 military overthrow of Islamist President Mohammed Morsi, who was a close ally of Hamas. Due to the closure, thousands of Gazans are waiting to travel abroad.

Azzam said the deal would be implemented in stages beginning in the near future, but he gave no further details.

Hamas, a heavily armed group that is shunned as a terrorist organization by the West, remains in full control of Gaza, and the internationally backed Palestinian Authority, which governs in the West Bank, has no presence there. Repeated attempts to reconcile the rival governments have failed.

With his announcement, Azzam appeared to be trying to put pressure on Hamas to accept the deal. If Hamas doesn't agree, he said, "Hamas will have to answer to the Gazan people."

Ghazi Hamad, a senior Hamas official in Gaza, said the group has not been officially informed of the deal, but indicated it would oppose it. "Any arrangement in Rafah cannot be done without proper coordination," he said.

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rench President Francois
Hollande said Monday the
attacks in Paris targeted
"youth in all its diversity,"
killing at least 129. Here are
some of their stories:

Fanny Minot went straight from her job at a TV newsmagazine show to the Bataclan on Friday night. By Sunday, the show's host, Ali Baddou, would be mourning her death on-air.

Minot, 29, was an editor at the show, "Le Supplement." Artistic and free-spirited, she enjoyed making independent movies—and above all, enjoyed new experiences, her friend Stephen Fox told The Associated Press. He got to know Minot purely by chance, when she and a friend of hers were traveling in the U.S. about four years ago and came to stay with him and his thenroommate, courtesy of a free-stay website for self-declared couch-surfers.

Despite their different backgrounds, the guys from Shelbyville, Kentucky, and their visitors from France became such fast friends that the travelers stayed two extra days, and then the hosts drove six hours to Memphis, Tennessee, to spend another day with them. And a few months later, Fox went to France to visit Minot over New Year's Eve.

"She was such a loving, compassionate person, with such an adventurous view on life," said Fox, 27, who credits her energetic outlook with inspiring him to get his post-college life in gear by going to nursing school. "She was a very motivated, hardworking person, and she just loved life."

Over the years, they stayed in touch, speaking by Skype every few months. But perhaps the memory that most sears his mind is of their goodbye at the airport in Paris.

"We just stood there in silence, realizing it was going to be a long time before we saw each other again, and we said, 'We're not saying goodbye—we're saying: Until the next time,'" he recalled. "Which now kind of hurts, because that's taken away."

■ Mohamed Amine Ibnolmobarak, 29, was an architect of Moroccan descent who studied and worked in Paris. He was killed at the Le Carillon restaurant in Paris while dining there with his new wife, according to a Facebook posting by his cousin Akram Benmbarek of San Diego. The wife, Maya Nemeta, was shot three times and was in critical condition at the hospital, the cousin wrote.

Ibnolmobarak was born in Rabat, Morocco, and had come to France to complete his university studies. Jean Attali, his professor at Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Paris Malaquais, where Ibnolmobarak also taught, wrote on Facebook that his young colleague was a "Muslim intellectual" whose thesis diploma focused on the pilgrimage to Mecca.

"Amine had found his place in our school and in the exercise of his profession of architect," Attali wrote. "Many of us... hoped for a great future for him."

The young architect had co-founded a cultural association focused on cities called New South. This month, the group's work—including that of Mr. Ibnolmobarak—was exhibited at the Galerie du CROUS in Paris. On its Facebook page, New South wrote a tribute to Ibnolmobarak: "His research process, based on intelligence, toler-



Candles and children's drawings are placed outside the French embassy in Vilnius, Lithuania, Monday, Nov. 16, 2015, for the victims killed in Friday's terror attacks in Paris.

ance and love could not have been a better legacy against terror."

- Kheireddine Sahbi, 29, was an Algerian violinist who had come to Paris to perfect his art at the Paris-Sorbonne university. According to an announcement by the school, Sahbi was enrolled in the Masters of Ethnomusicology program and was involved in the university's traditional music ensemble.

The school says Sahbi died while returning home in the 10th arrondissement, where terrorists attacked a restaurant.

The young violinist was born on the outskirts of Algiers, the capital of Algeria, and was widely known as Didine. Mr. Sahbi's friend from Algeria Fayçal Oulebsir posted on his Facebook page: "Didine, my friend... You left us too young, dying in Paris so far away from us, taking with you your joy of living and so many hopes."

■ On their wedding day in 2013, Anne and Pierre-Yves Guyomard struck the mayor of their Paris suburb, Emmanuel Lamy, as a couple "full of life and hope," Lamy recalled to the French newspaper Le Parisien.

Two and a half years later, their community, Saint-Germain-en-Laye, would be holding a moment of silence this week for them and others killed in Friday's attacks in Paris.

Among the crowd at the Bataclan, the Guyomards were particularly steeped in music. Pierre-Yves, 32, taught film scoring at a technical institute, and Anne, 29, had studied music before going to work at a child-care center, according to Le Parisien.

The two had lived for a time on the Indian Ocean island of Réunion, where Anne Guyomard's family told news outlet L'Info they had spent an agonizing day and a half wondering about the couple's fate, calling unanswered phones and appealing for word of the two via Facebook, before being told they had been killed.

Anne was "the daughter I would wish on all parents—one who's attentive, one who's full of life," and she loved children and people in general, brother-in-law Chris Hamer told L'Info. Pierre, meanwhile, was "an encyclopedia of music."

"Their shared pleasure was music," Hamer wrote on his Facebook page.

■ Sebastien Proisy, 38, had launched

a promising career in international business consulting that would never be fully realized. He died at a restaurant along Bichat street in Paris during the terrorist attacks when he was shot in the back, according to the Liberation newspaper website.

He was at a business dinner and accompanied someone at the table who wanted to take a smoke outside, according to his great uncle Daniel Senecaut, who was quoted by the La Voix du Nord news website.

Proisy had studied political science and later went to Florida with his Bulgarian wife and son. On their return, they settled in Noisy-Le-Grand on the outskirts of Paris, as the family told it. Proisy also served in staff positions at the European parliament in Bruxelles.

In the past year, he had gone into business in consulting for the Airbus Group. He had also worked as an executive for a company promoting French agribusiness abroad and another business doing market research in Iran and Central Asia, according to his LinkedIn profile. "He was very brilliant," La Voix du Nord quoted his grand aunt Jeanne Broutin as saying. She and Senecaut described their grandnephew as kind and charming, but also a workaholic.

■ Helene Muyal, 35, of Paris, was a makeup artist and mother who died at the Bataclan concert.

Her husband, Antoine Leiris, posted a memorial on Facebook, telling the terrorists: "I won't give you the gift of my hatred. It's what you sought, but answering hate with anger would be to surrender to the same ignorance that has made you what you are."

He said the life of his 17-month-old child with his late wife, carried out in happiness and freedom, would forever be a challenge to the terrorists. "And you won't have his hatred either," Leiris concluded.

■ Lola Salines of Paris, a young editor at Editions First-Gründ, died at the Bataclan concert hall. Her father Georges Salines and brother Clément Salines took to social media after the attacks to launch a desperate search for Lola, who did not respond to their calls. The family later posted on Twitter and Facebook that authorities had confirmed Salines, 28, was one of the victims.

The young woman also was a member of a Parisian roller derby league called 'La Boucherie de Paris.' Her team name was Josie Ozzbourne, #109, according to the group's Facebook page.

■ Francois-Xavier Prevost, 29, was head of advertising at the French advertising agency LocalMedia and also worked recently for another communications company, Havas Media Group. He died at the attack on the Bataclan theater, according to Yannick Bolloré, the Havas Group CEO who mourned the young worker and several others via Twitter.

Prevost had also spent some time in the United States. The University of North Texas said Prévost had been an exchange student at UNT in the fall of 2007. And the Pittsburgh Riverhounds, a pro soccer team in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, said Prevost interned with the team in the summer of 2009.

■ Marie Mosser's love of music brought her to the Bataclan concert hall where she died. The 24-year-old from the French city of Nancy worked for the label Universal Music, according to the "20 minutes" news website.

Mosser's Twitter profile said she worked in communication and digital marketing. Pascal Negre, president of Universal Music France, tweeted over her death and that of two other victims: "The Universal Music family is in mourning." Mosser's father is a manager in Nancy city government, "20 minutes" reported.

- Bertrand Navarret, 37, lived in the southern French community of Capbreton near the Spanish border and was just spending a few days in Paris with friends. They decided to take in a rock concert—where Navarret was killed at Bataclan hall. Starting on a family career path in law, Navarret had given it up for a new life in Canada, where he learned to work with wood. He eventually returned to France with new skills and remade himself as a carpenter and avid snowboarder, according to the Liberation news website.
- Guillaume Decherf, 43, had written about the latest album by Eagles of Death Metal late last month for French culture magazine Les Inrocks and was at the band's concert Friday night. Vincent Boucaumont said he had known Decherf for about 25 years, since the

two were in high school, when they would go down into the basement of Boucaumont's grandfather's house to play their guitars together. Both music lovers, they had a radio show focusing on hard rock and heavy metal music for two years after high school, he said.

"He was very sociable, very open to others, very curious, a pacifist and very kind," Boucaumont said, speaking in French by telephone. "He was someone who tried to understand things and who also shared with others."

A fellow music journalist, Thomas Mafrouche, often saw Decherf at concerts and was supposed to meet him Sunday. In a Facebook message to The Associated Press, Mafrouche said Decherf was extremely proud of his two young daughters. "I'm thinking about their pain, about their father, whom they will miss terribly," he wrote.

■ Germain Ferey, 36, of Paris, was a photographer and film artist who loved rock music, according to his sister, Domitille Ferey. He was at the Bataclan concert hall Friday when gunfire rang out.

His sister said he shouted for his partner to run—but when she turned and looked behind her, Germain Ferey was not there. "We think he told her to run because he wanted her to protect herself for the sake of the little one," his sister told The Associated Press, referring to the couple's 17-month-old daughter who was with her grandparents. The partner was unhurt.

Ferey's sister said he started out working in a bank, but the work was not to his liking. He then sought training at ESRA, a French academy that specializes in cinema and photographic arts. That enabled him to pursue a career that he truly wanted, his sister said. His website hosts an array of creative projects, including a photo montage entitled "I (heart) NY: http://www.germain-ferey.com/

■ Gregory Fosse, 28, of Gambais, France, died at the Bataclan concert hall. He worked for the D17 television station. The company put out a statement saying, "We all knew his kindness, his special smile, and his passion for music," according to the Liberation newspaper.

Gambais Mayor Régis Bizeau said the community was "deeply shaken," according to the "toutes les nouvelles" news website.

■ Pierro Innocenti, 40, of Paris, was a manager at his family's Italian restaurant on the outskirts of the city. His last post on his Facebook page was a photo of the Bataclan's sign advertising the Eagles of Death Metal show, with a caption Innocenti added: "Rock!"

Innocenti (sometimes called Pierre) helped run Livio, a five-decade-old eatery known for attracting a star-studded clientele to its spot in a Paris suburb. French comedian and actor Smaïn, a relation of Innocenti's by marriage, said on his Facebook page he was "alive in body but bruised in my heart" on hearing of his death.

A friend, Olivier Cagniart, told Vanity Fair Italia that Innocenti had been tired and hadn't felt like a concert, but rallied and decided to go.

A surfer and skydiver, Innocenti looked at life as a constant challenge to do more, Cagniart told the magazine. "He always had a thousand new projects to carry out, experiences to have. Watching him in action made you want to hug him and tell him, 'Thanks for all your energy."

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Good Housekeeping

How to know if gutters need work or replacement

If your gutters are starting to fail and you aren't sure whether to repair them or just replace them with new gutters, here are answers from three Dallas gutter experts to help you make the best decision.

How often should I clean my gut-

Mike Long, manager at Frazier Roofing & Guttering Co. in Arlington, Tex.: It should be more than once a year.

Jason Phillips, owner of Phillips Painting, Roofing & Gutters in Plano, Tex.: Annually, at a minimum. If you have a lot of trees, several times a year.

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Is it time to update your landscaping?

By JASON HARGRAVES

Homeowners often update or refresh the interior of their homes by changing paint color or furniture, but the design of your lawn probably doesn't receive your attention that frequently.

Why not? Adding new plants, reshaping existing ones or changing the color of your planters can be just as simple as buying a new throw pillow.

Your landscaping is always evolving, whether it's seasonal or just maturation. That perfect look you once had may be slightly off balance thanks to the tree that grew too tall or the bush that didn't survive the last windstorm. Plus, your attitude about your landscape can change, too.

Is your lawn overdue for a change? Angie's List member Linda C. and her husband felt the front yard of their ranch home in Newark, Del., was completely unremarkable.

"I found I could spend an afternoon doing yard work, and the yard still looked pretty much the same ... just 'blah,'" Linda says.

The couple embarked on a landscaping project with the goal of creating a private outdoor summer "room," complete with a curved stone landscaping wall, a tree canopy as the "roof" and a bird garden. Those big changes continue to lead to small ones.

"The success of the wall project has encouraged and inspired me to continue working on improving our bird garden and patio," Linda says.

So when's a good time to assess the look of your lawn? Try to take a hard look at your landscape plan at least every five to 10 years.

James Woodhead, president of Woody's Custom Landscaping in Battle Ground, Wash., says most landscapes need changing over the years. A landscape that was installed 10 years ago, for instance, may not suit your landscaping needs today.

Woodhead points out that perhaps your children have outgrown that backyard



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play area, or maybe you desire a more inviting space that allows you to enjoy the outdoors with friends and family.

Because the components of your landscape are living (and hopefully growing) things, it's important to keep an eye on the overall balance.

Patrick Anderson, administrator of plant health care at Heartwood Tree Service in Charlotte, N.C., likes to contrast the components of your lawn to your living room furniture.

As your couch becomes older it probably won't be getting larger and encroaching upon other parts of your home, but your trees and shrubs definitely can, he says.

Anderson adds that mature plant size, placement and the intent of design are paramount when choosing trees and shrubs.

What if I have to redo my landscaping from scratch?

Anderson says completely changing your landscape design is a good thing and something you shouldn't be afraid to do. Why, he asks, should a homeowner nurse along an old decrepit aza-

lea, when it can be replaced by one of the newer varieties?

Other times, however, you may not have a choice when it comes to changing your landscaping.

Angie's List member Jerrod N., of Indianapolis, recently endured the unfortunate event of having a sewer line collapse, which meant a large part of his front yard had to be dug up in order to install a new line.

While it was great to have the plumbing fixed, the front yard was left

"A large part of our yard was disturbed, and we had to wait for the ground to settle through the winter before we could begin this next phase of restoring our yard," he says.

Jerrod and his family settled on having pea gravel installed in the patio area because the ground had still not completely settled. It may be not have been his initial intent, but a homeowner should expect a yard to throw a few

So it's smart to be ready to roll—and change—with them.

Jerry Powell, owner of All-Tech's Installations in North Richland Hills, Tex.: At the minimum, they need to be checked and cleaned in the spring and

What are the signs I need to repair or replace my gutters?

Long: Look for leaks in corners, staining from water or overflow, or rust in steel gutters. They should hang level, so if your gutters are turning down more toward the front, something needs to be done.

Phillips: With galvanized steel gutters, you'll start seeing rust. If the gutters aren't secured well, they'll start sagging. Also, look for gutter joints pulling apart or overflowing during rain.

Powell: If you see water coming out from behind the gutter, there's something wrong.

Do you recommend gutter guards, screens or covers?

Long: Screens don't work as well because of the fuzzies from oak trees in the spring. Gutter hoods are expensive, but they make your gutters zero to little maintenance.

Phillips: There are several different types, and we recommend the one

that's right for your situation. Powell: We recommend using steel

powder-coated mesh guards. How long will new gutters last?

Long: If you maintain aluminum gutters, they can last almost forever. Clean them, re-secure the fasteners and reseal the corners and end caps.

Phillips: We use stainless aluminum, and the materials come with a lifetime warranty. Keep them cleaned out, put leaf guards on, and get them adjusted from time to time.

Powell: Aluminum gutters should last a lifetime. Just keep them clean and sometimes, because of settling of the house, they may need to be raised or lowered.

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COMFORT FOOD

Soy-Honey Pork with Sweet Potatoes

Honey-soy glaze unites sweet potatoes and pork tenderloin for a very tasty meal. Let the hot oven do the work for you and enjoy your hassle-free dinner in only 40 minutes.

1/4 cup lower-sodium soy sauce 2 tablespoons hoisin sauce 2 tablespoons honey 1 tablespoon rice vinegar 1 teaspoon grated peeled fresh ginger 2 cloves garlic, crushed with press 1 whole (1 1/4-pound) pork tenderloin 1 1/2 pounds sweet potatoes 1 tablespoon vegetable oil Pepper

2 green onions

- 1. Heat oven to 475 F. In small bowl, whisk soy sauce, hoisin, honey, vinegar, ginger and half of garlic until well-blended. Pour into gallon-size resealable plastic bag. Add pork; seal bag and turn until pork is well-coated.
- 2. While pork marinates, peel sweet potatoes. Cut each into 1/2-inch-thick rounds. In large bowl, combine oil and remaining garlic. Add sweet potatoes, 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper. Toss until well-coated.
- 3. Transfer pork from marinade to center of 18-by-12-inch jelly-roll pan, shaking any excess marinade off into

bag. Tuck tapered ends under pork to ensure even cooking. Arrange sweet potato rounds in single layer on pan around pork. Roast 10 minutes.

- 4. Meanwhile, transfer marinade to 2-quart saucepan. Heat to boiling on medium-high. Boil 3 minutes or until thickened and syrupy. Transfer half of marinade to small serving bowl; set aside.
- 5. Turn sweet potatoes and pork over. Brush remaining marinade on pork. Roast 10 to 15 minutes longer or until temperature on meat thermometer, inserted into thickest part of pork, registers 155 F and sweet potatoes are browned. Cover pork loosely with foil and let stand 5 minutes.
- 6. Cut green onions crosswise into 3-inch-long pieces. Then, cut each piece lengthwise into very thin slices. Cut pork into 1/2-inch-thick slices.
- 6. Transfer pork and sweet potatoes to large platter. Garnish with green onions and serve with reserved marinade. Serves 4.
- * Each serving: About 430 calories, 9g total fat (2g saturated), 44g protein, 45g carbohydrate, 103mg cholesterol, 875mg sodium, 4g dietary fiber. For thousands of triple-tested recipes, visit our website at www.goodhousekeeping.com/recipefinder/. (Hearst Communications, Inc.)

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Life & Style

Charlie Sheen's HIV status is in spotlight ahead of 'Today' appearance

By CHRISTIE D'ZURILLA LOS ANGELES TIMES

he verifiable Charlie Sheen news on Monday: He's going live on the "Today" show Tuesday to make what NBC describes as a "revealing personal announcement."

What's making that news highly noteworthy? Numerous allegations, unconfirmed by the Los Angeles Times, that the notorious playboy is HIV-positive and has known it for a while now—while many of his sex partners might not have.

Inklings of the story bubbled up late last week, when the *Sun* in Britain reported that a "superstar womaniser" in Hollywood was HIV-positive. The tabloid's source said the "straight man"—whom it did not identify—was concerned about possible lawsuits from women he'd slept with as well as worried about the effect such a revelation would have on his career.

On Monday morning Pacific Time, the *National Enquirer*, citing an 18-month investigation, named Sheen in a story alleging that the 50-year-old is HIV-positive and had known for four years.

Around the same time, NBC announced Sheen's scheduled

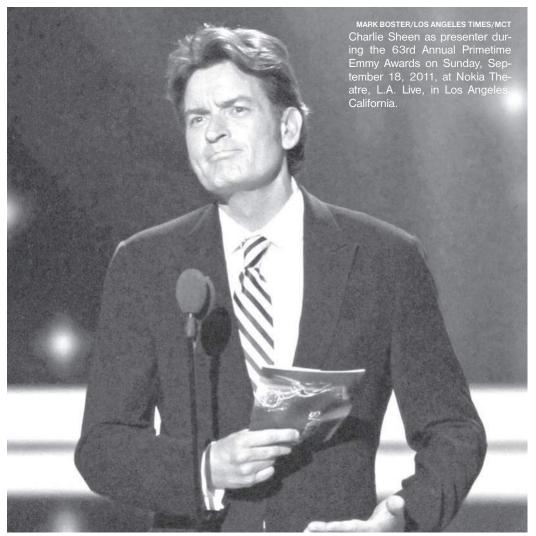
Today appearance. The New York Daily News said the tabloid had rushed to release its cover story out a couple of days ahead of time to try to stay ahead of the actor's revelation.

The *Daily News*' source said Sheen had been threatening to sue the *Enquirer*, but the tabloid got the go-ahead from its legal counsel to publish its story after assembling emails, text messages and on-the-record interviews.

Well-known publicist and crisis manager Howard Bragman told *People* on the record Monday afternoon that he'd been approached by people close to Sheen about six months ago regarding handling the revelation. He did not, however, ever deal with the actor directly, he said.

"It's been going on for quite awhile," Bragman told the magazine after noting that he'd heard Sheen was getting treatment. "He's not necessarily comfortable talking about it. It was very hard to get up the courage for him to talk about it."

Publicist Jeffrey Ballard, who'd been representing Sheen as recently as June, said Monday in a statement that he and his friend of 35 years had "parted ways" professionally after disagreeing on how to handle "a situation." Sheen was previously represented for seven years by Stan Rosenfield, who "re-



spectfully resigned" from that position during Sheen's, ahem, bad patch in early 2011.

The expected revelation may, according to a TMZ source, have

been prompted by lawsuit threats from former partners who supposedly got wind of Sheen's alleged HIV status after the actor told some friends who didn't keep the information to themselves.

The *Enquirer* alleged that Sheen has slept with many women without disclosing his HIV status and has spent mil-

lions to keep his secret a secret. The publication said it first approached Sheen about his health in November 2014.

On Monday afternoon, TMZ was reporting that treatment had rendered the virus "undetectable" in the actor's blood. The *Enquirer* had said the same but noted that undetectable wasn't the same as negative.

Ex-fiancee Scottine Ross, who was known as Scottine Sheen when she and the actor were engaged and before that performed in adult films under the name Brett Rossi, is among those unaware of her former lover's HIV status, according to the *Enquirer*, which said it has video of her blasting him for exposing her to the virus for a year and a half.

Without naming names, porn star Bree Olson, one of Sheen's ex-girlfriends, posted on her website Friday—*People* picked up on that one—that she knew nothing more than anyone else about rumors that one of her exes had contracted HIV. She said she has tested negative multiple times since they split.

Olson was one of Sheen's notorious "goddesses" in 2011 after he lost what was then TV's highest-paying gig, and she traveled with him on the "Violent Torpedo of Truth/Defeat Is Not an Option" tour that ensued. He said that April from the road that she'd dumped him by text message.

On Monday afternoon, RadarOnline, which is the *Enquirer*'s online sibling, posted a shot of an undated text message alleged to be from Brooke Mueller, Sheen's third wife, to Sheen's former assistant. In the message, which appears to be discussing a drug binge with Sheen, the author says she "couldn't handle the HIV news" and the idea of "Charlie potentially giving me HIV."

Mueller gave birth to Bob and Max, her 6-year-old twin sons with Sheen, in March 2009. He was infamously arrested in December of that year on suspicion of domestic abuse; their divorce was final in 2011.

Denise Richards, Sheen's second wife and mother of his daughters Sam and Lola, has known about her ex-husband's alleged HIV status for a "number of years," according to an "Access Hollywood" source. An *Us Weekly* source said the girls are fine, because Sheen didn't contract the virus until "four years ago or so," long after he and Richards had split. She filed for divorce in 2005, and the dissolution of marriage was finalized in 2006.

Of course, "four years ago or so" would have been sometime in 2011, the year Sheen was fired from "Two and a Half Men" during a sex-and-drugsfueled meltdown that gave the word "winning" new meaning in American pop culture.

'Best week of my life'—11-year-old sings at White House

NEW YORK (AP)—An 11-year-old who recently made her Broadway debut in a big Andrew Lloyd Webber musical has managed to top that—singing at the White House for Michelle Obama.

Bobbi MacKenzie, from Portland, Oregon, sang "If Only You Would Listen" from the show "School of Rock" on Monday, and also got highfives from Tony Award-winner Kristin Chenoweth and Matthew Morrison of "Glee."

"I am having the best week of my life," Bobbi said by phone minutes after her performance. "I make my Broadway debut and the next week I go to the White House and perform for Michelle Obama. It's just a typical Monday at the White House."

The visit was part of a summit on acting, directing, singing and costume design that drew 40 students from both public arts high schools and afterschool arts programs. Music was performed from a handful of Broadway shows.

Concert participants also included cast members from "Finding Neverland, "An American in Paris," "On Your Feet!" "Fun Home" and "Something Rotten."

Webber performed a medley of his hit songs, while iconic actress Cicely Tyson and director Diane Paulus also were on hand for advice. Choreographer Sergio Trujillo and actor Josh Segarra, who both have major roles in Gloria Estefan's new show "On Your Feet!" taught Obama some of the moves to Estefan's hit "Conga."

The performances were taped and will air on the TLC network Thanksgiving Day.

Bobbi's big day began the night before with a four-hour,

bumpy bus trip to Washington. After an overnight hotel stay, she went to the White House and tried to take it all in as she waited. She was amazed to see Whoopi Goldberg ("I literally died because she's won everything—a Tony, a Grammy, an



First lady Michelle Obama dances to Gloria Estefan's "Conga" in the Diplomatic Room of the White House in Washington, Monday, Nov. 16, 2015, during a Broadway at the White House event for high school students involved in performing arts programs.

Oscar and an Emmy.")
"After that, it gets better,"

she added.

She soon got to take a photo and got a hug from Obama—"She said, 'break a leg.' She was really nice." Bobbi also got to meet Estefan in line. "And then, it gets better," she said.

Bobbi then performed her song, something she called "a little nerve-raking but exciting at the same time." She tried to keep looking at Obama, who was seated in the center of the audience.

"I kept like looking and she kept smiling. She kept clapping at the end. It felt really good," said Bobbi. "That's a moment I will never forget."

"School of Rock," the musical version of the 2003 film starring Jack Black, started previews Nov. 9 and will open Dec. 6. Webber and lyricist Glenn Slater have written new music to be added to some songs featured in the movie.

Bobbi made her professional debut as a singer in 2012 when she sang the national anthem for the NBA's Portland Trailblazers and went on to sing at games for the Golden State Warriors, Sacramento Kings and San Francisco 49ers.

Canada Miss World: China denying me entry over comments

TORONTO (AP)—Anastasia Lin is an actress who believes her outspoken advocacy of human rights in her native China played a big role in her winning bid in May to become Canada's contestant in the Miss World pageant.

But then the host country for the global beauty pageant was changed from Australia to China, and now the communist country appears to have singled Lin out among the contestants and is stalling over her visa application. As a result, it's unclear whether Canada will be represented at all in the pageant on Dec. 19 in Sanya, China.

Ike Lalji, the chief executive of Miss World Canada, said he assured officials at the pageant's London headquarters that Lin would focus on the competition and not go out of her way to draw attention to her involvement in Falun Gong, a spiritual group outlawed in China.

"She's not going to do anything crazy over there that's going to upset the government of China," he said. "Our whole approach is to do it peacefully. If anything is going to happen, it's going to happen in a very civilized way.'

But Lin, 25, said that if she's allowed to go she'll continue to speak out for Falun Gong.

"I'm in the Miss World contest. I'm not going to do anything irrational, that's nonpeaceful," she said, but pointedly added: "I am going to speak my mind, that's for sure."

"I'm going back to China for the Chinese people," Lin said. "I want them to have hope and see that someone else outside is fighting for their freedom. I guess that's what they are most afraid of."

Lin, who moved to Canada when she was 13, has been anything but shy about her beliefs. Two months after winning the Canadian pageant, she testified at a U.S. Congressional hearing about religious persecution in China. She also plays an imprisoned Falun Gong practitioner in an upcoming Canadian movie, "The Bleeding Edge."

Falun Gong is a spiritual group that practices meditation. It attracted millions of adherents before being outlawed in 1999



has little tolerance for grassroots spiritual movements and regards the group as a threat to social stability. Followers say

the lives of thousands of Falun Gong practitioners. Beijing denies that.

Lin said her father in China by China's government, which China's crackdown has cost has already come under pres-

sure from authorities there. She said he was proud of her becoming Miss World Canada but soon urged her to stop her human rights advocacy or he would have to sever contact with her. Canada's government has voiced concern about alleged harassment of her family in China.

Lin said she hasn't received a letter she needs for the visa from the host city's government, and that all the other contestants received them on Oct. 30. "I'm the only person that I know of who hasn't received it."

Lalji, the Canadian pageant chief, said Canada won't send the first runner-up to China if Lin doesn't get a visa because it would be too late, noting training is scheduled to start on Nov.

photo, Anastasia Lin, Canada's Miss World contestant, poses for a photograph in Toronto.

In a Friday, Nov. 13, 2015 file

21. He said Lin could be a few days late, however.

Miss World confirmed the pageant has also not received a letter from the Chinese government for Lin. Its legal department said in a statement the pageant will go on if Lin is not granted a visa.

"We do not have any control over who is issued a visa," the statement said. "If we cancel or move the show each time a visa was not granted for a contestant then it would be impossible to plan the event."

Messages left at the Chinese Embassy in Canada were not returned.

Francois Lasalle, a spokeswoman for Canada's Foreign Affairs department, said the ministry cannot comment on China's visa decisions, adding that the promotion of human rights remains a priority in its relationship with China.

Lin believes she won the Canadian pageant in large part because of her activism.

"The judges were resonating with my message that I tried to do this for the people who can't speak up for themselves," she

Lalji granted that "maybe a small part" of why she won was her stance on human rights but noted there are 12 competitions and different judges for each competition.

"The judges didn't just choose her just because of her cause," he said. "She basically did well on everything."

Sara Bareilles, seeking 'a change,' reconnects with theater

NEW YORK (AP)—She's got a new album out with brandnew music, but Sara Bareilles has pulled it all from her past.

The singer-songwriter of such hits as "Brave" and "Love Song" has changed gears entirely to write eclectic music for the Broadway-bound stage musical "Waitress."

"This is the oldest part of me. This is the part that got suppressed as I was a young singersongwriter in LA and just barely getting a foothold," she said.

Bareilles adored musical theater growing up but had to shelve her more quirky songwriting instincts to become palatable to a mainstream audience.

"When you're trying to make a first impression, sometimes it's nice to simplify and to just help your audience distill your expression so they can understand it," she said. "Now, it's like the gloves are off."

The new album—her fourth studio CD, which debuted at No. 10 on Billboard 200 albums chart this week—is just part of a creative period for Bareilles, who also has her first book out and is preparing to dive back into her new songs to ready them for a spring Broadway

After 14 years in Los Angeles, she moved to New York three years ago following a "mini-hiatus" here, finding inspiration in a nonstop, exciting city.

"I had a very comfortable life—wonderful friends, cute little house near the beach. And I just felt kind of uninspired. So, it was time for a change," she said.

One of those changes came in



tor Diane Paulus, who was crea small-town diner and a loveless marriage.

"When I was thinking of creating a musical version of this movie, I just had this gut instinct that we needed a composer who would capture the indie film quality of the original movie. That led me to Sara," said Paulus. "Lucky for all of us in the theater world, she actually wanted to write a musical."

That's because Bareilles did community theater and grew up on the cast albums of "The Sound of Music," "Annie," "The Secret Garden" and "A Chorus Line." ("Those are my desert island records," she said.)

Paulus asked her to see the film and write a song inspired ating a musical from the 2007 by it. "It's an odd movie. It's film "Waitress" about a wait- a quiet movie. It's an intimate ress and pie maker trapped in movie," said the singer. "I didn't think I knew that I was going to connect so deeply with the lead character but I really did. I found her to be fascinating."

> A few days later, an MP3 landed in Paulus' inbox with the song "She Used to Be Mine," an achingly beautiful ballad that has become the show's cornerstone and became the first song from a new pre-Broadway musical to enter the Adult Contemporary Top 40 since 1985.

> "She's a natural at writing music for the theater," said Paulus. "She just gets it. She gets storytelling, she gets narrative, she gets character. So that's been a jov."

sician Sara Bareilles poses for a portrait in New York. The story of how Bareilles

wrote "She Used to Be Mine"

also became the last essay in her

book, "Sounds Like Me: My

In this Nov. 3, 2015 photo, mu-

Life (So Far) in Song," in which the Grammy-nominated singer reveals stories behind eight of her songs. "It's not a very long book. It's not a dense read. But it was the hardest thing I've ever done," she said. "This book turned out to be a great teacher of mine,

just in my own self-exploration

and personal evolution.' Readers will learn that Bareilles was bullied about her weight, find out about the time she wept upon hearing Joni Mitchell and how a broken heart led her to write "Gravity."

"I wanted it to feel confessional and vulnerable. I wanted to expose the ugly parts, too, because I think there's a lot of catharsis and connection when you share what's vulnerable," she said.

The book and the new CD were both being created at about the same time. Before she jumps into making changes for the Broadway show, Bareilles would like to take a break.

"It has been a very fertile time creatively and there are lots of moments I can think of where I felt like I was barely keeping my head above water," she said.

"I know that I need to go to my cave for a little while. Then, I think I'm excited to see what presents itself. I know that there are more things bubbling up."

Pandora strikes \$75M Rdio deal, promises new features

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)— Pandora says it is acquiring technology and intellectual property from Rdio and will add new features to its Internet music streaming service by late next year.

The \$75 million cash deal depends on Rdio seeking with the music industry. Earbankruptcy protection and gaining court approval for the deal. Rdio will wind down its service.

It would be the second big purchase by Pandora following its agreement to buy ticket seller Ticketfly last month for \$450 million.

CEO Brian McAndrews said Monday that Pandora wants to redefine itself. It's primarily a U.S. service today known for its Internet radio. McAndrews wants to make it a global operation, add live events and give users more control.

Services like Spotify that

let you request specific songs typically cost \$10 a month.

Pandora radio is free, with ads. There's a \$5-a-month option that strips out ads.

The deal also follows steps the company has taken to repair its frayed relationship lier this month it reached a direct licensing deal for songwriting rights with Sony/ATV, the largest music publisher in the world. It settled a lawsuit for \$90 million last month over songs from before 1972. It also suspended a plan to use a South Dakota radio station to lower its royalty payments, and agreed to retroactive pay to artists.

A more collaborative relationship with music makers puts it in a stronger position to expand, McAndrews said.

Pandora Media Inc. shares rose 3 cents to \$13.45 in afterhours trading.

Viral review triggers run on Patti LaBelle pies at Wal-Mart

potatoes. That's what it's going to take to get Patti LaBelle's suddenly famous sweet potato pie back onto shelves at Wal-Mart.

Which means the pie that became a viral sensation during the weekend—selling roughly one every secondafter a customer sang its praise in a YouTube video may not be back in time to grace your Thanksgiving table. Not that Wal-Mart isn't trying. "There's a lot of moving parts. The suppliers have been working all weekend," Kerry Robinson, vice president for bakery and deli at Wal-Mart, said Monday.

"We need something like 2

Two million pounds of sweet million pounds of sweet potatoes, and that's not something easy to get," she said.

> The sweet potato surge started Thursday, the day after James Wright posted a video of himself eating a slice of the pie, which Wal-Mart launched in September. In the video—now viewed millions of times—Wright bursts into LaBelle song and dance as he eats. Within 24 hours, social media was buzzing about Wright and the pie, and Wal-Mart stock was running low.

> "We swept everything we had right into the stores to supply the demand, including our Christmas volume, so they have everything we've got," Robinson said.

Lemony Snicket author to judge college's literary contest



In this Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2006, file photo, Daniel Handler, a.k.a. Lemony Snicket, attends the Second Annual Quill Awards, at the American Museum of Natural History in New York.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Lemony Snicket is ready to critique your writing.

Children's book author Daniel Handler, who uses the pen name Lemony Snicket, will judge a literary contest offered by Cogswell College. The private school is located in the Silicon Valley city of San Jose, California.

The "COG: Page to Screen Awards" is an open competition, the college said Monday. COG is the name of the school's newly launched multimedia publication.

and creative nonfiction submissions up to 7,000 words will be accepted now through March 31, with the winner to be announced in May. The winning piece will be adapted by the college's digital art and animation students, possibly as a short animated film or graphic novel.

In a statement, Handler slyly compared a literary contest to a full moon, which he said "turns a small number of people into werewolves."

"A Series of Unfortunate Events" is a series of 13 chil-Unpublished short stories dren's novels by Handler.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Publisher plans release for Neruda's first poetry collection

NEW YORK (AP)—A nonprofit publisher has acquired rights to the late Nobel laureate Pablo Neruda's first collection of poems, which has never been translated in English, and has launched a \$50,000 Kickstarter campaign to help get it released. Copper Canyon Press announced Monday that it plans to release Neruda's "Crepusculario" in 2017. The Chilean poet was 19 when he self-published the book in 1923, and allegedly sold his father's gold watch to raise money. "Crepusculario" is a variation of the Spanish word for twilight, crepusculo, and has been referred to as "Book of Twilight" or "Twilight Book." Copper Canyon, based in Port Townsend, Washington, already plans to publish a collection of recently discovered Neruda poems, "Then Come Back: The Lost Neruda," in 2016.

Singer Jazzmeia Horn wins Monk Institute **Jazz Competition**

NEW YORK (AP)—Singer Jazzmeia Horn has won the Thelonious Monk Institute Jazz Competition. Horn won the competition finals Sunday night at Los Angeles' Dolby Theatre after performing the standards "Moanin" and "Detour Ahead." She'll receive a \$25,000 scholarship and recording contract with the Concord Music Group. Originally from Dallas, the 23-year-old Horn also won the Sarah Vaughan International Jazz Vocal Competition two years ago. The evening also featured a gala concert honoring Quincy Jones, who was presented the Monk Institute's humanitarian award by pianist Herbie Hancock. An all-star lineup, including singers Ledisi and Patti Austin, saxophonist Jimmy Heath, and guitarist

George Benson, performed musical highlights of Jones' career. The concert closed with the entire ensemble performing "We Are the World" as a tribute to the victims of the terrorist attacks in Paris.

Transient pleads not guilty to attacking **Pauley Perrette**

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A homeless man has pleaded not guilty to attacking and threatening to kill "NCIS" actress Pauley Perrette. Forty-fiveyear-old David Merck entered pleas Monday to false imprisonment by violence and making a criminal threat. He could face up to four years in prison if convicted. Perrette said a man she described as psychotic and homeless repeatedly punched her in the face and threatened to kill her outside her Hollywood home last Thursday. She said a friend tracked down and followed the man until police arrived.

Willie Mays, Yogi Berra among Medal of Freedom honorees

WASHINGTON (AP)—Baseball legends Willie Mays and the late Yogi Berra will be honored with the nation's highest civilian award, the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

They are among 17 people who will be recognized by President Barack Obama at a Nov. 24 ceremony.

Honorees from the entertainment world include Barbra Streisand, Steven Spielberg, Stephen Sondheim, Gloria and Emilio Estefan, James Taylor and Itzhak Perlman.

Politicians include Sen. Barbara Milkulski, former Rep. Lee Hamilton and the late Shirley Chisholm, the first African-American woman elected to Congress.

Other honorees include veterans advocate Bonnie Carroll; NASA mathematician Kather-

TNT shelves show depicting a Paris shooting NEW YORK (AP)—The TNT Angeles." The "NCIS" episode

network isn't airing an episode of its drama "Legends" on Monday because it depicts a terrorist shooting into a crowd in Paris.

The network said Monday it will instead air a rerun of "Legends" that was originally shown a few weeks ago.

TNT isn't the only network to shuffle its schedule because of sensitivity surrounding the attacks last Friday. CBS said it was replacing episodes of the Monday prime-time dramas "Supergirl" and "NCIS: Los

concerned Islamic State recruitment of women, and the "Supergirl" episode was supposed to deal with a bombing.

"Legends" is in its second season on TNT.

Showtime aired a new episode of "Homeland," its drama that involved fighting Middle East extremism, on Sunday with a printed message beforehand that warned viewers that the show may contain disturbing content in the context of the Paris attacks.



In this June 4, 2015, file photo San Francisco Giants Hall of Fame baseball player Willie Mays listens in the East Room of the White House in Washington, during a ceremony where President Barack Obama honored the 2014 World Series champion baseball team.

ine G. Johnson; and former EPA chief and deputy attorney general William Ruckelshaus, known for refusing to fire the Watergate

special prosecutor. Posthumous recipients include Indian tribal advocate Billy Frank Jr. and civil rights advocate Minoru Yasui.

Woman's vow of celibacy is tested by her friends

EAR ABBY: I am a 28-year-old woman who has decided, after 11 years and 50-plus partners, to become celibate. A couple of friends have attempted to get me to break my vow. These men know how they make me feel, and I am finding it difficult to stay away from them. Although I have stopped spending time with them, I still feel the urge to be with them.

So, do you have any advice on how to stay strong? It's been one month, and I plan on staying this way until I get married.

TRYING TO STAY CELIBATE

DEAR TRYING: Old habits are hard to break, but as you already know, it can be done. An effective way to do that is to replace the habit you're trying to change with some other activity. Right now, it's important for you stay busy.

Consider increasing the amount of exercise you do each day, doing projects around your home, filling your time by volunteering, etc. If you do, you'll have less time to dwell on what you're "missing." This is not to say that your sex drive will go away, but it will help you to better control it.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend's son, "Matt," just turned 21, but he looks 16. He has just announced that he's moving in with a 50-year-old woman—the mother of a friend of his.

I feel very uncomfortable about the idea of welcoming her into my home and making conversation as if they are a normal couple. His father and I are the woman's age. I don't believe Matt has told his mom or his siblings yet. He's quickly losing friends over this awkward situation.

I'm usually of the mindset to "live and let live," but here I am tested. It feels creepy. What is the proper way to handle this? **UNEASY IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR UNEASY: Handle this by withholding judgment and waiting to see how the romance plays out. Matt may look 16, but at 21 he's an adult and capable of making his own decisions about his love life without "help" from his father's girlfriend. Matt's lady friend may be a very young 50 and Matt may be a mature 21. Having met neither of them, I can't judge. And neither should you, so stay out of the line of fire, or the romance that suffers may be your own.

DEAR ABBY: Last week a girl I knew in high school 10 years ago had a surprise baby. She went to the ER with stomach cramps and found out she was in labor. Mom and baby are doing fine, but now they are throwing an "emergency baby shower."

DEAR ABBY

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I rarely speak to this girl. Why should I be expected to get a baby shower gift for her?

MYSTIFIED IN MICHIGAN

DEAR MYSTIFIED: The baby shower is being given because your old high school chum needs things for the child she wasn't expecting but who arrived anyway. Should you be "expected" to provide a gift? No. But if you did, it would be both generous and kind of you, and I can guarantee that it would be sincerely appreciated.

For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more sociable person, order "How to Be Popular," Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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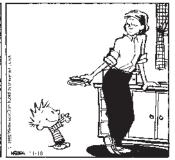
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Allyson Felix, 30; Denny Hamlin, 35; Chloe Sevigny, 41; Owen Wilson, 47.

Happy Birthday: Expect to be tempted by someone with a lot of connections. Before you trust anyone, consider the motives behind the offer. Check out job opportunities that are outside your current location. Travel and greater communication are apparent. Getting along with siblings will help your state of mind and eliminate inconsistency in your life. Someone from your past will play with your emotions. Your numbers are 5, 18, 20, 26, 31, 38, 47.

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By Dave Green

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Texans send Bengals to 1st loss, behind backup TJ Yates



CINCINNATI (AP)—The Texans were the perfect team to give the Bengals their

first losson their home field in a big Monday night game, no less. They have a way of doing this to them—especially if T.J. Yates is running the offense.

Yates took over in the third quarter after Brian Hoyer sustained a concussion and led Houston to a 10-6 victory on Monday night, throwing the touchdown pass that knocked the Bengals out of the ranks of the NFL's unbeaten.

The Bengals (8-1) were trying to make NFL history and join New England and Carolina at 9-0—there's never been such a trio. A backup quarterback with a history of beating them got in the way.

Yates beat them twice as a rookie during the 2011 season, including a first-round playoff win that was the Texans' firstever in the postseason. That experience helped get him through his impromptu performance on Monday night.

"It's a little nostalgic," said Yates, who went 5 of 11 for 69 yards. "I have a lot of good memories in Cincinnati.'

And now, another one.

Cincinnati contained some of the NFL's top quarterbacks while getting off to the best start in club history. Yates was something else. And so was the Texans' defense, which looked awfully familiar as well.



The Texans (4-5) made Andy Dalton look bad during firstround playoff wins over the Bengals during the 2011 and 2012 seasons. J.J. Watt returned an interception for a touchdown in that breakthrough playoff win in 2011.

The Texans were all over Dalton again on Monday night.

"I feel like it's 2011," said Watt, who had one of the three sacks of Dalton. "I'm pretty excited. This is an incredible team."

And no longer an unbeaten team, thanks in large measure to Yates.

Yates ended his first drive with a 22-yard touchdown pass to DeAndre Hopkins, who made a one-handed catch in the end zone for the game's only TD.

"I can't say enough about T.J. doing what he did," Watt said. "I think every time we come into this stadium, he should be our quarterback.'

Dalton had another tough time against a Texans defense, going 21 of 37 for 187 yards with an interception and three sacks. Cincinnati's final chance slipped away when A.J. Green made a catch for what would have been a first down at the Texan 23-yard line, then was stripped of the ball by Quintin Demps with 40 seconds left.

"I had both hands on the ball and I took one off to break my fall and he ripped it out," Green said.

"I was trying to break my fall.

"We'll be all right. It's tough to lose. Not everything is going to be pretty."

Yates' touchdown pass decided a lackluster game by both Houston Texans inside linebacker Brian Cushing (56) leaps over Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver A.J. Green (18) as strong safety Quintin Demps (27) recovers a fumble by Green in the second half of an NFL football game in Cincinnati, Monday, Nov. 16,

The Bengals led 6-3 after a first half that was filled with penalties and missed plays. Telling statistics: The quarterbacks led their teams in rushing. Hoyer had 15 yards on one scramble, and Dalton had 30 yards on five carries.

That was especially bad for the Texans, who have been trying unsuccessfully to get one of the league's worst running games going with Arian Foster sidelined by an Achilles tendon injury. The Texans' running backs managed only 25 yards in the first half.

It got more foreboding when Hoyer walked off the field to get examined for a concussion after the second series of the second half. Yates hadn't thrown a pass in a game since he was signed on Oct. 28 to replace Ryan Mallett.

On his third completion—the touchdown—Yates added to his legacy of beating the Bengals.

Kubiak sits Peyton Manning for Bears game

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP)— On his 25th birthday, Brock Osweiler will make his first NFL start, replacing an injured Peyton Manning in the Broncos' much-anticipated game against the Chicago Bears.

"That would be an awesome birthday present if we can go get a win," Osweiler said Monday a few minutes before a somber Manning stood at his locker a few feet away and spoke about his various ailments and the pain of being benched.

Broncos coach Gary Kubiak decided to make the switch Monday in the aftermath of Denver's 29-13 loss to Kansas City in which Manning was picked off four times and had a rock-bottom 0.0 passer rating in 2 1-2 quarters of work. Osweiler relieved him and drove Denver to two late touchdowns.

Kubiak was kicking himself for letting Manning play against the Chiefs after he'd been limited during the week by a torn plantar fascia in his right foot, a mysterious ribcage injury that announced itself over the weekend and a lingering sore throwing shoulder. Manning went for an MRI on his ribs Monday.

"All of our full attention is going to be to getting Peyton back and healthy," Kubiak said.

again and see if he could practice during the week and play Sunday. But a day after Von Miller called Manning "the Sheriff," Kubiak made it clear he was the one calling the shots and wasn't going to acquiesce again to Manning's wishes out of deference to the five-time

Manning stood at his locker not long after Kubiak told the team of the switch and, ever the professional, accepted his coach's decision with grace.

"I want to try to get healthy this week," Manning said. "I'm disappointed that I'm injured. I'm disappointed in the game yesterday. I will try to take advantage of this week and try to get to feeling better and getting healthy."

Kubiak said he met with Manning for an hour Monday morning and told him of his decision—which he said Manning didn't like.

"I've never met a player who agreed to that," Kubiak said. "I mean, no, he's up there today and he wants to go, he wants to do everything he can for his football team and I knew that and I expected that. I tried to express to him my concern to getting him back to himself

Manning wanted to gut it out and feeling better. And I think he understands the position I'm in and I sure as hell understand the type of person he is and the player he is."

Manning won't practice this week nor will he suit up against the Bears, when rookie Trevor Siemian will be Osweiler's backup. Manning will spend lots of time with team athletic trainer Steve Antonopulos.

Kubiak wouldn't speculate how long Manning might be out, saying, "our focus is not going past today or the Chicago Bears. We're all-in this week as a football team to get better and get ready to go play.'

The only time Manning ever missed a start in his 18-year career came when he sat out the entire 2011 season following a series of neck surgeries that ultimately led to his departure from Indianapolis and his signing with the Broncos.

Osweiler is a fourth-year pro from Arizona State who GM John Elway selected in the second round of the 2012 draft with the explicit intention of serving as Manning's protege and eventual successor.

"First of all, it's very exciting," Osweiler said. "But at the same time, Pevton is still our guy. He's one of the best ever to do it. He's been extremely supportive of me ever since Day 1. He's taught me so many things. So, I'm going to continue to support him.

"I'm the starter for this week at Chicago, but that's all it is. We're focused on this week, then we'll re-evaluate next week. But I stand by Peyton and support him 100 percent."

Osweiler's first start comes against former Broncos coach John Fox and his staff, who know all about his strengths and tendencies.

Manning had the worst game of his career Sunday when he completed 5 of 20 passes for 35 yards with four interceptions and had a 0.0 passer rating. This season he had just nine TD passes and a league-high 17 in-

"I just think it's the grind of the season, a bunch of bumps and bruises," Kubiak said.

Manning was very limited at practice last week but felt he could play, especially with the Broncos short-handed on both offense and defense.

"He was doing everything he could to play for this football team," Kubiak said. "And he would do it again this week, too. I can tell you that. ... but I feel like I need to make this decision."

The news didn't really catch players off-guard.

Brady: tough to replace 'great player'like WR Edelman

By JIMMY GOLEN AP SPORTS WRITER

The New England Patriots are celebrating another victory and lamenting the loss of an-

other key contributor. The Patriots (9-0) remained unbeaten with a last-minute, 27-26 victory over the New York Giants on Sunday, but it came at the cost of receiver Julian Edelman. The 5-foot-10 former college quarterback went down grabbing for his left foot in the first half and did not return.

"Julian has been incredible for us. Incredible," quarterback Tom Brady said on his weekly radio show on Monday. "It's just unfortunate to lose such a critical player. up. Hopefully at some point But you've just got to try to figure it out different ways to get it done."

Edelman caught four passes for 53 yards before leaving the game on Sunday. Patriots coach Bill Belichick declined to comment on the severity of Edelman's injury, but media reports said Edelman had a broken bone in his foot.

"When someone's really integral to part of basically everything you're doing, and then you lose that person, it may take a little bit to kind of figure out how you can move things around and get comfortable with what you're

doing," Brady said. "Because you want to have a lot of confidence in the things that you're doing.'

Edelman has caught 197 passes for 2,028 yards over the past two seasons, and was on pace for a 1,000-yard season when he left Sunday's game. His loss comes a week after running back Dion Lewis was knocked out for the season with a torn ACL; the Patriots have also been shuffling their offensive line to cover for injuries to Sebastian Vollmer, Marcus Cannon, Bryan Stork, Nate Solder and Ryan Wendell.

"Every team deals with injuries," Brady said on WEEI. "We've been pretty bangedwe can get some guys back."

Without Edelman, Brady will have to rely on Brandon LaFell and Danny Amendola. Keshawn Martin could become available when he recovers from a hamstring injury that has kept him out since Week 6.

"There's nothing that's really seamless when you lose a great player," Brady said. "When it's someone that's been the leading receiver on your team for multiple years and you lose them, it's not like you go, 'OK, well, let just put someone else in.' He's too good of a player for that."

Chalmers scores 29 to led Grizzlies over Thunder, 122-114



MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—Newcomer Chalmers scored 16 of his season-high 29 points in the fourth quarter Monday night and the

Memphis Grizzlies held on for a 122-114 victory over the Oklahoma City Thunder.

Chalmers, picked up in a trade with the Miami Heat last week, converted 6 of 13 shots, including 4 of 7 from outside the arc, as five Grizzlies reached double figures. Mike Conley had 22, Jeff Green scored 20, while Marc Gasol added 17. Zach Randolph finished with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Russell Westbrook led the Thunder with 40 points, 12 in the fourth quarter trying to bring Oklahoma City back from an 11-point deficit in the frame. Serge Ibaka had 18 and Enes Kanter scored 16. Steven Adams and Dion Waiters finished with 14 apiece.

Oklahoma City shot 51 percent, including 10 of 24 from outside the arc. But Memphis converted 12 of 17 3-pointers.

The Thunder were without Kevin Durant, who missed his third straight game with a left hamstring strain.

Memphis benefited from 19 Oklahoma City turnovers compared to 10 for the Grizzlies.

After Memphis took its largest lead of the game at 106-95 on a pair of free throws by Ja-Mychal Green with 3:40 left, Westbrook tried to bring the Thunder back.

He fueled a 10-2 rally that pulled Oklahoma City within 108-105 with 1:26 left.

But 3-pointers by Conley and



JaMychal Green put the game away for Memphis, which won its third straight.

Memphis had three players in double figures at the break, including 14 from Conley, as the Grizzlies took a 58-52 lead into halftime.

Westbrook had 11 points, and like Conley, was 5 of 7 from the

Memphis actually took the lead to as many as 10 before settling on the halftime advantage.

Westbrook took over the Oklahoma City offense in the third, collecting 17 points in the frame. Rookie Cameron Payne connected on a 3-pointer at the end of the period to give OKC an 80-79 entering the fourth.

The Thunder led 83-82 when Waiters split a pair of free throws with 10:29 left. That's when Chalmers scored eight straight points, including a pair of 3-pointers.

Mavericks 92, 76ers 86

In Philadelphia, Dirk Nowitzki scored 21 points, including seven during a pivotal stretch late in the fourth quarter, to lead the Dallas Mavericks to a 92-86 victory over the winless Philadelphia 76ers on Monday night.

Jahlil Okafor had 19 points and 11 rebounds for the 76ers, who have lost all 11 games this season and 21 in a row dating back to last season. Philadelphia's last win was March 25 at Denver, and the 76ers are within five defeats of matching the franchise's all-time record for consecutive losses.

Chandler Parsons added 20 points for the Mavericks, who needed a late push to hold off Philadelphia.

The 76ers trailed by as many as 19 points in the first half but battled back to take an 82-81 lead with 4 minutes, 23 seconds remaining on a free throw by Nerlens Noel before Nowitzki

Grizzlies 122, **Thunder 114**

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Spurs 93, **Trail Blazers 80**

In San Antonio, Kawhi Leonard had 19 points and Manu Ginobili added 17 points and the Spurs overcame a listless start

to beat the Trail Blazers for their fifth straight victory.

Danny Green and Boris Diaw each had 12 points and Tony Parker and Tim Duncan both added 10.

Damian Lillard scored 27 points and Al-Farouq Aminu added 17 points for Portland.

Leonard and Ginobili both missed the previous game with minor ailments and their returns were needed.

San Antonio and Portland both set season lows for points in the first half with the Trail Blazers' 28 points falling just four points of matching a franchise low.

Bulls 96, Pacers 95

In Chicago, Jimmy Butler scored 17 points for Chicago and played tough defense on Paul George on Indiana's final possession, helping the Bulls hold on for a victory over the Pacers.

Butler stayed right with George in the final seconds and contested his difficult fadeaway shot that was well short as time expired, giving the Bulls their third straight win and fourth in five games.

Derrick Rose had 23 points on 9-for-18 shooting for Chicago, but departed with about to rest rather than having to play six minutes remaining after he

Oklahoma City Thunder forward Nick Collison, bottom, passes the ball while on his back against the defense of Memphis Grizzlies guard Mario Chalmers in the second half of an NBA basketball game, Monday, Nov. 16, 2015, in Memphis, Tenn.

sprained his left ankle. Doug McDermott scored 11 points.

George had 26 points for Indiana, and Monta Ellis finished with 20 points. C.J. Miles made five 3-pointers on his way to 19 points, and Jordan Hill and Ian Mahinmi each grabbed 12 rebounds.

Celtics 111, Rockets 95

In Houston, Isaiah Thomas scored 23 points and the Celtics used a 32-point third quarter to pull away and cruise to a win over the slumping Rockets.

It is the third straight win for the Celtics and gives Houston a four-game losing streak for the first time since the team dropped seven straight in January 2013.

Boston led by 4 after a 3-pointer by James Harden with 3 1/3 minutes left in the third quarter. The Celtics closed out the quarter by scoring 15 straight points to take a 87-68 lead into the fourth quarter.

The Celtics rode the momentum from their strong third quarter into the early part of the fourth quarter and used a 13-4 run to open the period and extend the lead to 100-72. Avery Bradley scored seven points with a dunk and a 3-pointer to lead the team in that stretch.

Coach Kevin McHale pulled most of Houston's starters after that.

Suns 120, Lakers 101

In Phoenix, Brandon Knight had 30 points, 15 assists and 10 rebounds for his first career triple-double and the Suns ran past the Lakers.

Eric Bledsoe added 21 points and T.J. Warren had 19 for the Suns, who gradually pulled away after taking a five-point lead into the fourth quarter.

Jordan Clarkson scored 20 points to lead the weary Lakers, who were playing on consecutive days for the second time in a week.

The Lakers were without All-Star guard Kobe Bryant, who was kept back in Los Angeles

Billionaire loses appeal to reverse \$2B sale of Los Angeles Clippers

LOS ANGELES (AP)-Former Clippers owner Donald Sterling lost his appeal Monday to regain the team his estranged wife sold last year for a record \$2 billion after he was booted from the NBA for making discriminatory remarks about blacks.

The 2nd District Court of Appeal said Shelly Sterling properly removed her husband from a family trust that owned the team and that the sale to former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer prevented the trust from an "extraordinary loss."

Shelly Sterling took control of the family trust after a recording surfaced of Donald Sterling making offensive comments to a young girlfriend about blacks and other minorities.

The NBA fined him \$2.5 million, banned him from the league for life and threatened to seize and auction the team.

Shelly Sterling was able to take control of the trust after two doctors found her husband of nearly six decades had signs of Alzheimer's disease.

The 81-year-old billionaire sued his wife to block the sale, but a Los Angeles Superior Court judge ruled against him and approved the sale in July

The appeals court said Donald Sterling failed to show the judge committed any legal error.

The three-judge panel also noted that before Sterling refused to sign off on the sale he had congratulated his wife on the price she negotiated.

"Wow, you really did a good job," he exclaimed.

The price was \$400 million above the next best offer and far above what anyone thought the team, a perennial loser that was on the rise, would fetch.

Donald Sterling, an attorney who amassed a fortune by buying apartment buildings around Los Angeles, bought the team in 1981 for \$12 million.

Sterling has a lawsuit pending in federal court against his wife, the doctors who examined him and the NBA.

He filed to divorce Shelly Sterling this year.

Whether it was because of injury, a lack of talent around them or a lack of talent on their part, last year's rookie class in the

NBA was one of the most forgettable in years. It hasn't taken long for this year's crop of rookies to leave that class in the dust.

Karl-Anthony Towns has been a force on both ends for Minnesota. Jahlil Okafor is putting up monster offensive numbers in Philadelphia and Kristaps Porzingis has the Big

Apple eating out of his hand.

Justise Winslow has been a defensive dynamo in Miami, Stanley Johnson looks like the perfect fit for Stan Van Gundy's system in Detroit and Emmanuel Mudiay may have earned the highest praise of them all when Jason Kidd predicted that the Denver Nuggets' point guard would have a better career than he did.

"I think this rookie class in general has shown skill level, but also poise beyond their years," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said.

Towns, Okafor, Porzingis among NBA rookies shining early

It's a stark contrast to last year when Minnesota's Andrew Wiggins had no competition for the rookie of the year award. Jabari Parker, Joel Embiid, Aaron Gordon, Julius Randle and Doug McDermott all struggled with injuries. Nik Stauskas and Noah Vonleh were both traded last summer one year after being top 10 picks.

Towns, the No. 1 overall pick, has led the way, putting up point,

rebound and block totals this early in his career that haven't been seen since Shaquille O'Neal's first season with the Orlando Magic. He is averaging 15.7 points, 10.3 rebounds and 2.3 blocks per game.

"I think about the things I'm asking him to do against the people I'm asking him to do it against and I have to always remind myself that he's 19," Wolves interim coach Sam Mitchell said, "that he should be a sophomore in college." (AP)

Blue Haus gains share of lead

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Blue Haus moved up to the top spot in the West Group of the open division of

the 2015 San Antonio Community Action Network Basketball League following an impressive 86-70 victory against Pacific Islands Club last Monday at the San Antonio court.

Blue Haus now has a 4-1 record to share the lead with GMJ/ IKKI, while PIC dropped to second place with its 4-2 mark and had its three-game winning run snapped. The co-leaders, PIC, and Cholos (3-2) are the four teams fighting for the No. 1 spot and the outright semis seat in the West Group.

The PIC-Blue Haus tiff was expected to be a close game, but turned out as a one-sided match with the latter pressing all the right buttons to end the former's winning streak. Blue Haus played tough defense all throughout the match, neutralizing PIC's top gunners. On offense, the winning squad spread the wealth and had good ball movement and manpower rotation.

Blue Haus limited James Abuy to 3 points off his lone triple in the match and held Jake Quitugua to 4 markers. Abuy had 19 points in their 92-50 rout of Armatech, while Quitugua tallied 12. Jack Aranda led PIC with his 14 points, but most of them came when Blue Haus had already established a big lead. Darwin Barbo also finished in

Islands Football Association has

yet to announce the rules in case

Tan Holdings, which inci-

dentally handed MP United its

lone loss in the season, 3-2, last

Nov.7, kept its season title bid

alive after drawing goals from

three players in its game against

Paire (1-0-4). Taka Borja gave

Tan Holdings two of its three

goals in the first half, scoring in

the 16th and 19th minute. Eze-

kiel Canape nailed the other goal

for Tan Holdings in the opening

frame with his shot in the 35th

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of a deadlock.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Blue Haus' Brendon Talania, left, challenges the defense of Pacific Islands Club's Jake Quitugua during the fourth quarter of their open division game in the San Antonio caging last Monday at the San Anto-

twin digits with 11, but he had no field goals in the second half and was held to 4 free throws.

PIC's key players bled for points, as Blue Haus cut the passing lanes and challenged every shot from its opponents. PIC played so bad on the offensive end that Reymark Castro even missed a layup on a fastbreak play with no defender guarding him.

In contrast, Blue Haus' points came from all corners and multiple players, as the team patiently ran its offense to find the

best-percentage shots. Marlon De Dios and Angelo Fernando top-scored for Blue Haus with 17 points apiece, Brendon Talania chipped in 12, and Elmer Esdrelon contributed 11. Four other Blue Haus players combined for 25 more markers.

Esdrelon and De Dios nailed 7 markers apiece in the second quarter to help Blue Haus pad its 23-15 lead to a 50-29 advantage at the break. Blue Haus kept their momentum in the second half en route to the 16-point winning margin.

one apiece. Fruit made it to the

board first with his conversion

in the fourth minute, while Pohl

and Reyes recorded their goals

in the 10th and 20th minute.

Fruit's second goal came in the

mark, it duplicated the record

of idle MP United and they may

battle for the division champi-

onship with two playing week-

In the other boys U15 match at

the Oleai pitch, Paire dominated

Paire now has a 3-0-1 record

and still has a chance for the

division crown provided Tan

Holdings-1 and MP United

dropped their last two matches.

Five different players scored

in Paire's third win with Jeffer-

zon Sagum starting things out

for his team after making a goal

in the fourth minute. Paire add-

ed three more goals in the first

half with Logan Mister, Robbie

Schorr, and Jamin Elliot scoring

in the 33rd, 34th, and 38th min-

ute, respectively. Dai Podziews-

ki made it a 5-0 lead in the 67th

minute before Tan Holdings-2

avoided a shutout after Taka

Borja ended the team's silence

in the 73rd.

ends left in the schedule.

Tan Holdings-2 1

Tan Holdings-2.

With Tan Holdings' 4-0-0

57th minute.

Paire 5,

GMJ/IKKI 78, **KB Market 69**

GMJ/IKKI is still unbeaten in the masters division after outclassing KB Market.

GMJ/IKKI improved to a 5-0 record to move two games ahead of fellow undefeated MJD/ GPPC (3-0). Armatech (3-1), Erika's Catering/Ferrera Builders (3-2), VM Production (2-2), KB Market (2-3), CES Electronics (1-5), Blue Haus (0-1), and Maplas (0-5) complete the field. The Top 8 squads will advance to the playoffs, while the last finisher will be eliminated.

Four GMJ/IKKI players scored in double figures to keep the team's unblemished mark. Allison Dizon logged 13 points, Bernard Montano had 12, while Dennis Cortez and Jun Pantaleon registered 11 and 10, re-

Montano made 6 of his total markers in the third period gap, 62-54, after his team led by only a hair at halftime, 42-41. GMJ/IKKI remained in the driver's seat in the fourth, as Montano's teammates stepped in, while only Peter Camacho made multiple baskets for KB Market.

Camacho led all scorers with his 27 points.

Open Division

Blue Haus 86 - De Dios 17, Fernando 17, Talania 12, Esdrelon 11, Berline 8, Demapan 6, Manolo 6, Moises 5, Capalad 2.

PIC 70 – Aranda 14, Barbo 11, Espinosa 9, Galloway 6, Feria 6, Rabasto 5, Castro 4, Eroch 4. Quitugua 4, Abuy 3, Hambros 2, Babauta 1.

Scoring by quarters: 23-15,

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Her 27:02 time, though an improvement on her part, is still slow as Race, who only ran in the Nov. 7 third leg, had the best

Nine other ACS female runners finished behind Ai with Andrea Feng coming in at second (32:20), while Wang Yi

Chen Hao Xu of ACS came in second (13:05), while Marianas High School's Haruya Eda, Seiya's brother, was third (13:36).

David Roberto, a runner-up twice to Villacrucis in the second and third legs, this time finished fourth with 13:45.

Lyu Xile of Saipan Community School (20:35), ACS' Xu Lingling (21:03), and Saipan Southern High School's Lucy Gu (29:18) were the Top 3 in the girls U15 division.

Taiga Sato ruled the boys U13 division at 14:02 followed by Dominic Torres (14:47) and Mateo Guerrero (15:19), while Therize Millare (16:18), Ruschel Vilario (16:57), and Nicole Kim (21:34) duplicated the feat in the girls U13 age group.

(second leg).

time this year at 24:11.

Qian settling for third (33:30). Christian Villacrucis showed

that he is the one to beat in the boys U15 division as he completed a sweep of the four legs as he again finished first last Saturday (12:37). He had times of 9:00, 12:56, and 13:12, respectively, in the first three legs.

> needs of all three leagues. I also plan to travel to Rota and Tinian ask them of their plans and

can we help."

He added that Tinian Mayor Joey Patrick San Nicolas and Rota Mayor Efraim Atalig have always been supportive of various sports including the Little League baseball program.

to discuss to them in what areas

Ada said the 2016 would also be different with Little League headquarters revising some rules. "That's why I need to sit down with the three leagues to address and explain to them these new rules. Little League headquarters adhere to fair play to prevent any protest."

He added that the headquarters at South Williamsport in Pennsylvania, as much as possible, doesn't want to entertain any protests. "The only time they want a protest filed is on rule infractions. The rules are plain and simple, the officials and umpires must know how to implement it."

Every four years, Little League headquarters holds a congress of all district administrators around the world to meet and discuss implementing new rules. They then vote on what needs to be changed and once the congress approves it, it awaits ratification from Little 50-29, 65-51, 86-70.

Masters Division

GMJ/IKKI 78 - Dizon 13, to help GMJ/IKKI widen the Montano 12, Cortez 11, Pantaleon 10, Saplan 8, Binuya 8, Sedillo 6, Montes 6, Balgos 2, Demapan 2.

> KB Market 69 – Camacho 27, Umali 14, Pangelinan 8, Renguul 4, Osias 4, Ayuyu 4, Lansang 3, Puri 2, Garcia 2.

Scoring by quarters: 20-15, 42-41, 62-54, 78-69.

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do is follow what they did in their charter application last season. Submit the name of their officers and other documents needed," said Ada.

"If they completed everything, they will be receiving their supplies by December. That's why the sooner they get chartered, the better for their respective leagues," added Ada, who is also the Department of

Ada also told Saipan Tribune would add the 50-70 program next season.

"Hopefully all three islands would come up with the 50-70 program. Rota and Tinian had the

"I'm open to meet to know the

Public Works secretary. that he hopes that the Saipan, Tinian, and Rota Little Leagues

programs in 2013 and 2014 and even represented the CNMI in the regional tournament," added Ada. The 50-70 division is a program that aims to slowly transition Majors division players who are 11-year-olds to the Juniors. It is a program for the 11-13 age bracket where they are prepared for the full size baseball field in the Junior division. Ada said that he plans to meet with officials of the three leagues to further discuss their plans.

League International.

minute, while Angelo Pulido drilled the last one in the 48th. move Kanoa within one. Paire got both of its goals from CNMI U13 National Team mainstay Kaden Church, who logged his first in the 16th and

the second in the 58th minute. In the MP United-Kanoa tussle, Rintaro Miyawaki was unstoppable for the former, as he knocked in four goals. The

Saipan International School student recorded MP United's only goal in the first half, as he found the back of the net in the fifth minute.

The first frame ended with MP United behind, 1-2, as Kanoa drew a brace from Ian Maniago to threaten an upset

against the division leader. After Miyawaki's early goal, Maniago's tied the match in the eighth minute and then handed Kanoa the precarious lead at the break with his second goal in the 18th.

At the resumption of the match, Miyawaki equalized with his second goal in the 32nd minute and MP United went on to wrestle the upper hand, 3-2, as the 11-year-old player scored anew just one minute later. A goal from Akira Kadokura in the 35th minute and Miyawaki's fourth in the 44th gave MP United more cushion, 5-2, before Maniago struck again with two straight goals, lighting up the board in the 45th and 46th to

However, Kanoa failed to overhaul the deficit, while MP United got the insurance goal from Dylan Cho in the 51st minute. Kanoa fell tell to third place in the team standings with its 2-0-3 slate.

BOYS U15 Tan Holdings-14, **Matansa O**

Tan Holdings bagged its fourth win in as many games after blanking Matansa (1-0-3) at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Anthony Fruit led the victory with his two goals, while Jonah Pohl and Rico Reyes added

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Saipan Swim Club resumed training session yesterday as the Kan Pacific Swim-

ming Pool finally reopened last week or more than three months after its closure due to Typhoon Soudelor.

"SSC is happy to announce that swim lessons will begin on Tuesday, Nov. 17. Lessons will be on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Groups and times will remain the same. For the time being, parents please bring your child to the same group they were in before the typhoon," SSC coach Jacoby Winkfield wrote in a message posted at the Saipan Swim Club FB page.

The club's lessons/training sessions are divided into three groups with the Dolphin (intermediate) set from 3:45pm to 4:30pm. Schedules for the Shark (advanced) and Guppies (beginner) divisions are from 4:40 to 5:15pm and 5:15pm to 6pm, respectively.

Meanwhile, Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation's board of directors met early this month and is now

Pool reopens, SSC returns to training



working on a new calendar of events for the 2015-2016 season. NMISF's Carol-Lynn Calobong-Pierce told Saipan *Tribune* that the group will have its first sanctioned meet for the season next month.

She added that besides the SSC's young swimmers and its masters members, Tsunami Saipan will also resume its training session after the reopening of the Marpi pool last week.

The reopening of the pool came early, as the groups using the facility was told it will be available by the end of November. However, the Kan Pacific management and staff were able to fix the broken pump, clean the pool, and fill it with water early this month, allowing the island's swimmers to plunge into the water again.

The 50-meter pool sustained significant damage from Typhoon Soudelor that ravaged Saipan last Aug. 2, forcing both SSC and Tsunami Saipan to shelve their practice schedule at the Marpi facility and look for other ways to train, like swimming in open water or at some hotels' pools.

Contrasting results for leaders Homeboyz, Alamo

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The Jokers Homeboyz and National Alamo Car Rental won their respective matchups against different opponents in contrasting fashion to share the early lead in the Saipan Billiards Association-Budweiser Open 8-Ball Thursday League.

The Homeboyz downed Jonny's Team SCS, 9-4, while National Alamo escaped with a 7-6 decision over the Jokers Wildboyz to end up tied with similar 18-8 slates after two weeks of action in the new season of the Thursday League.

Cesar Sangalang, with the Homeboyz enjoying a comfortable 6-2 lead, sealed the

Jokers crew's victory when he Thornsaket and John Reves to disposed of Toto Bigcas in the third match of the second set of Singles 8-Ball

events.

The Homeboyz and Team SCS, SAIPAN BILLIARDS ASSOCIATION when play continued, split the last four remaining matches in the Singles and Partners 8-Ball events for the final tally.

All 13 matches will be played as each win and loss would be added to their standing with the team that has the most wins earning the season crown.

National Alamo had a different story in their face-off with Wildboyz where Roman Rodriguez and Joseph Achas needing to ward off the challenge of Jack complete the 7-6 win.

Boyet Seguioco and Rev defeated Hermogenes Reves and Randy Sablan in the first Partners 8-Ball match to move National Ala-

mo to one win away of clinching victory.

Patrick Sablan and Ray Matsunaga, however, had other plans as they tied the match at 6-6 after besting the pair of Achas and Rodriguez.

Rodriguez Achas and bounced back in the last Partners 8-Ball to give the win to National Alamo.

The Wild Bill's Rack 'N' Roll downed sister team Wild Wild West, 9-4, in the other match.

Wild Bill's teams Rack 'N' Roll and Wild Wild West are tied for third to fourth places with 11-15 records, while Team SCS and the Wildboyz complete the standings with 10-16 cards.

Games in the Tuesday League were being played at press time with the Jokers Destroyers taking up the Jokers Docomo Hustlers, while the Jokers IT&E Voyagers was playing against the Jokers StraightBlackBall. The Jonny's Crazy 8 and Jonny's Titans was the other matchup.

Week 3 action in the Thursday League continues tomorrow with the Wild Wild West hosting the Wildboyz, the Rack 'N' Roll visiting the Homeboyz, and Jonny's Team SCS going up against National Alamo.

Eric, Norman are Fil-Taga's November'turkey'winners

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Eric Mandell and Norman Tenorio went home with a turkey each last Sunday, Nov. 15, but more importantly earned the Fil-Taga November Ace of the Month in the A and

B divisions after the golf association's tourna- 🚊 monthly ment at the Marianas Country Club.

Mandell actually finished second behind Greg Castro for the A Division's November Ace and Turkey Shoo, but he booked a spot on Fil-Taga's yearend tournament since the latter already secured a berth.

A birdie at the par-5 No. 3 hole gave Mandell a 1-under 35 at the front but he slowed down at the back with a 2-over 38 for a gross score of 73.

Mandell—whose bogey in No. 11, 13, and 16, spoiled a birdie in the par-4 17—finished with a 4-under 68 net thanks to his five handicap.

Castro, who has a 13 handicap, was one stroke up with a 5-under 67 net and a gross score of 80 built on rounds of 41 and 39.

Castro was the lowest net score winner in the A Division after that 67 to bag the \$100 cash prize and a turkey in time for Thanksgiving Day next Thursday, Nov. 26. Mandell also received a turkey for his effort.

Tenorio won the November B Division Ace of the Month after a net score of 6-under 66.

He had rounds of 44 for an 88 gross but his 22 handicap gave him that 66 to also receive \$100 cash prize and a turkey.

Tony Cabrera also got a turkey following a runner-up finish behind Tenorio after a 2-under 70. He finished with

a 92 gross after a pair of 46s but ended up with that 70 based on his 22 handicap.

Palik Thomson led the list of the par-3 winners in No. 6, while Adony Matu-

tino, Lito Mendoza, and Cabrera equaled his feat in No. 8, 12, and 16, respectively. They also went home with \$100 and a turkey each.

Larry Pascual shot nearest to the fairway flag in No. 7, while Bae Hak Chon was the winner with the accurate drive in No. 14. Jacinto Ramones had the longest drive at the 517-yard No. 15 and Paul Bea was the surprise winner.

They all receive gift certificates from Marianas Country Club.

Vic Roman and Randy Tudela (A and B. January): Jhun Ortiz and Raffy Piamonte (A and B, February); Ernie Lopez (March); Bea (April); Pascual and Dandito Breboneria (A and B, May); William Retardo (June); Freddie Cataluna and Ruben Avendano (A and B, July); Greg Castro (August); Nestor Siruelo (September) and Rene Batallones (October) have also earned berths to the Fil-Taga Ace of the Year.



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The Jokers Homeboyz aim to keep their hold of the top ranking when action resumes in the Saipan Billiards Association-Budweiser Open 8-all Thursday League.



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By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

MP United defeated Kanoa

FC at Pitch 1. The Top 2 teams

collide in the last game of the



SAIPAN TRIBUNE

MPU, Tan Holdings boost title bid



P United Football Club and Tan Holdings FC strengthened their chances for the season championship in the co-ed U12A division of the 2015 NMIFA Youth Fall League after

downing separate foes last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

FC at Pitch 2, 6-4, to remain on (rescheduled match originally set for Oct. 17) with MP United top of the team standings with its 4-0-1 win-drawneeding at least a draw to Northern secure the division loss record and 12 Mariana Islands title, while Tan points. Tan Holdings FC is close behind at Football Association Holdings is pressecond place, holdsured to get a win ing a 3-0-2 mark followto force a tie for first place. The ing a 4-2 triumph over Paire organizing Northern Mariana

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shortened season this Saturday

Wang preps for Cross Country finals

By JON PEREZ



Caleb Wang of Agape Christian School has his sights on a first place finish in the All

Schools Cross Country finals this Saturday, Nov. 21, at the CPA Airport Field.

Wang topped the last leg of the series, last Saturday completing the three-lap course in a blistering pace of 20:01 in leading a sweep of ACS runners atop the podium of the bovs U18 high school division.

It was the second time that the ACS 11th grader won a leg in the Cross Country series. He topped the opening leg last Oct. 24 with a time of 20:35 and skipped the second and third.

Wang, who was 14th overall and the top U18 runner in this year's Saipan Marathon, is tipped to be the favorite to win the finals especially now that former CNMI long distance runner Seiya Eda had already graduated.

His 20:01 time in the 3.2-mile

(5.1 kilometers) last Saturday was 14 seconds faster when he ruled the opening leg and better compared to the 21:38 and 25:08 of second and third leg

winners Jason Wang (not related to Caleb) and Mark Lukun, both of ACS.

Wang also won gold medals in the 800-meter (2:28.89) and



3,000m (11:34.34) runs in the boys U18 division in this year's Public School System/Mc-Donald's All-Schools Athletics Championship.

Jason Wang, who finished third when Caleb ruled the opening leg, was runner-up last Saturday with a time of 21:34, while Samuel Hu completed the ACS sweep for placing third the second time at 22:25 to improve his 23:22 record in the second leg.

Yang Sheng Ai, also of ACS is expected to challenge last year's winner and third leg top finisher Gabrielle Race.

Ai won the girls U18 division as she continues to shave off seconds from her previous times. She completed the final leg in 27:02, which was much better from her previous times of 30:36 (first leg) and 28:24

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Caleb Wang of Agape Christian School sprints toward the finish line to rule the boys U18 division in last Saturday's final leg of the All Schools Cross Country race at the Airport Field.

Ada wants to expand Little League program



James Ada poses with the 2015 Senior League World Series commemorative baseball bat behind him. The bat was signed by members of the CNMI All-Stars that played in Bangor, Maine.

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James Ada is back to his former role as the CNMI's Little League district administrator where he hopes to expand the program of the longest running youth baseball program in the Commonwealth.

Ada, in an interview with the Saipan Tribune, said his first step is to make sure the

three leagues—Saipan, Tinian, and Rota—get organized and chartered under Little League headquarters.

He added that all three islands can now be easily chartered since Little League headquarters had implemented an online registration.

"Charter application is made easier since it can be done online. All they have to

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